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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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December 17, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, a.k.a.
ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT, et al
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INTERNAL SECURITY - J

You will recall in my memorandum of October 29, 1942, the statement that Madam Mittie Maud Lena Gordon, William Gordon, Seon Jones and David Logan who were charged with sedition and conspiracy to commit sedition in an indictment returned at Chicago on October 24, 1942, were arraigned on October 28, 1942, and the trial was set for November 9, 1942.

The facts in this case were presented to a new Grand Jury at Chicago on December 4, 1942. This Grand Jury returned a true bill charging Madam Gordon with sedition and Logan, Gordon and Jones as well as Madam Gordon with conspiracy to commit sedition. Upon arraignment before Federal Judge William K. Holly they entered pleas of not guilty and trial has been set for January 25, 1943. All of the subjects have been released on bond.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

In response to our request of the United States Attorney at Chicago he has informed us that the following is a list of the organizations whose records are in the possession of that office as a result of action taken by the Grand Jury empaneled in that district. He informs us that some of these records were obtained by subpoena duces tecum and others were turned over voluntarily to the Grand Jury.

1. Allah Temple of Islam
2. Allied Christian Management Army
3. Allied Christian Ministry Alliance
4. American Rangers
5. America First, Inc.
(Lincoln Park Chapter)
6. American Guards (Records destroyed)
7. American Vigilant Intelligence Federation
8. Brotherhood of Liberty for Black Man of America
9. Builders of America
10. Chicago Leader
11. Citizens Committee To Keep America Out of War
12. Colored American National Organization
13. Concordia Male Chorus
14. German World War Veterans Association
15. German-American Bund
16. German-American Business League
17. German-American Citizens League
18. German-American National Alliance
19. German-American Travel Center
20. German-American Vocational League
21. German Day Association
22. German Club
23. Haus Vaterland, Chicago
24. Irish-American National Alliance
25. Lease-Lend to America

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26. Market Printing Company
27. Martin Printing Company
28. Midwest Monetary Federation
29. Patrick Henry Forum
30. Patriotic Research Bureau
31. Peace Movement to Ethiopia
32. Teutonia Publishing Company
33. Ulster Irish Liberty Legion
34. War Resisters League
35. We, The Mothers, Mobilize, Inc.

The United States Attorney informs us that officials in the above organizations have testified before the Grand Jury relative to the history and functions of the groups they represent. He also has informed us that the records in some instances are by no means complete.

The above records and the material developed by the United States Attorney are available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for examination and reporting. It is requested that the material pertaining to the German-American Bund and the German-American Vocational League be given special attention and be reported at the earliest date possible, and that the other material be reported in due course.

Respectfully,

WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General.

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December 1, 1942

SAC, Chicago

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Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto copies of a memorandum dated October 16, 1942, received by the Bureau from the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. It will be noted that there are thirty-five organizations mentioned whose records were handled by a grand jury sitting at Chicago, Illinois, and that officials of each of these organizations testified before the grand jury relative to the histories and functions of the groups which they represented.

The Criminal Division is desirous that the information secured by the grand jury with reference to the organizations mentioned therein be examined and the pertinent portions thereof included in an investigative report on each group.

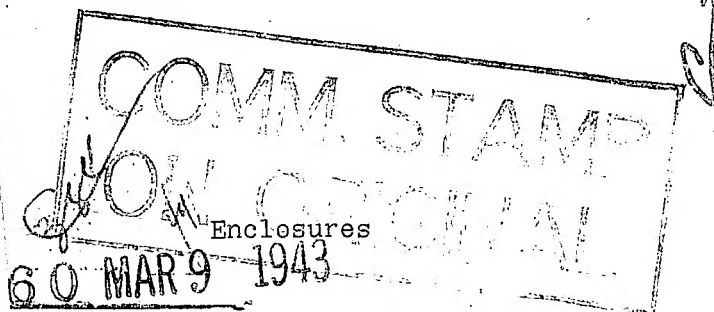
In view of the specific interest in the review of the records pertaining to the German-American Bund and the German-American Vocational League, Incorporated, separate communications were addressed to you under date of November 2, 1942, relative to these groups. I would like to point out at this time that the records of the German-American Business League, the Haus Vaterland, Incorporated, and the Teutonia Publishing Company, probably should most logically be considered in connection with the case entitled "German-American Bund, Voorhis Act." This matter, however, is being left to your discretion as there may be a question of office administration involved.

Sufficient copies of this letter and enclosures are being supplied to you so that a record may be made in the file of each organization mentioned by the Criminal Division, and it is my desire that you make every effort to comply with the request of the Criminal Division without any undue delay.

Yours truly,

E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO**

FILE NO. **100-11135**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/14/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/2/42	REPORT MADE BY SHARPE D. KARPEN SDK:AA
TITLE PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, also known as Ethiopian Peace Movement; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, wa; WILLIAM GREEN GORDON; DAVID JAMES LOGAN, was; SEON EMANUEL JONES.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

W. M. McCLENDON returned to Chicago, Ill. in the Spring of 1942. Personnel records, Atlantic Coast Line, reflect a **WILLIAM JERRY McCLENDON** who resides at 5644 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Chicago Field Division dated 11/23/42; Report of Special Agent **RICHARD W. AXTELL** dated at Chicago, Ill. 11/24/42.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Reference letter and report requests that one **W. M. McCLENDON**, who resides at 645 2d Street, N. E., or 1738 1st Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., be interviewed relative to instructions received by him from Subject **Madam GORDON** in connection with his Selective Service status. The Chicago Field Division forwarded to the Washington Field Office, together with reference letter, photostatic copies of letters which were sent to Mrs. M. M. GORDON, which letters were signed "**W. M. McCLENDON**."

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent **GEORGE HUTCHISON**:

Inquiries conducted in the neighborhoods of 645 2d Street, N. E., Washington, D. C. and 1738 1st Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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reflect that W. M. McCLENDON is supposed to have returned to Chicago, Illinois in the Spring of 1942. Inquiry at the Personnel Office of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Dining Car Service reveals that the Atlantic Coast Line maintained a personnel record regarding one WILLIAM JERRY McCLENDON, who was born April 9, 1909, and who may be identical with W. M. McCLENDON. The personnel record reflects further information to the effect that the last known address of McCLENDON was 5644 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The record further reflects that McCLENDON's employment was terminated on April 22, 1941.

By teletype dated December 2, 1942, the above information was forwarded to the Chicago Field Division for their information.

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Date: December 31, 1942

To: SAC, Chicago

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Richard W. Axtell, dated November 24, 1942, at Chicago, Illinois. Page seventy-one of this report reflects that Mittie Maud Lena Gordon, 5451 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, sent a registered article #74539, of which the return receipt indicated that the original had been received by Hiroshi Saito. The body of the report indicated that a lead was being set out to establish the identity of Saito; however, the undeveloped leads do not contain a lead to that effect.

Hiroshi Saito, or Hiroshi Saito, was formerly the Japanese Ambassador to the United States and is presently believed to be in Japan.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

LR FILE NO. **100-1377**

REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/17/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/10, 23, 24, 25; 12/4/42	REPORT MADE BY JASPER MARTELL BIRD MH
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA aka Ethiopian Peace Movement; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, wa, Madam Gordon; WILLIAM GORDON; DAVIS LOGAN was J.B. Logan, D.J. Logan; JONES.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (J) SEDITION
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: TOMMIE THOMAS attempted to organize local near Grady, Arkansas in the Fall of 1940. Attempt failed because of dissension among members. No positive activity since then. THOMAS regarded as honest, hard working, and in general, bears a good reputation, among acquaintances, both white and colored. VICTORIA NABORS determined to be person living at 1021 East 11th St., Pine Bluff, Arkansas. VICTORIA NABORS believed to have no knowledge regarding actions or pursuits of TOMMIE THOMAS nor any knowledge concerning instant organization. No criminal record found of either THOMAS or NABORS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WARREN E. WOOD, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 11/3/42.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS:</p> <p>In an effort to determine the identity of one VICTORIA _____, residing at 1021 East 11th Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the name and address appearing on one of the letters received by TOMMIE THOMAS from Madam GORDON, the following individuals were contacted with negative results: GARLAND BREWSTER, Sheriff, Jefferson County, Arkansas; MET L. GALLAGHER, Chief of Police; Mrs. GRACE CICERO, 1119 Indiana Street; Mr. C. W. VORIS, 710 West 11th Street; and Mrs. BESSIE TAYLOR, 1221 Indiana Street.</p> <p>Mr. JAMES F. CORE, jailor, Jefferson County Jail, searched his records and advised he had no criminal record of a colored woman whose first name was</p>			
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VICTORIA, who lived in the vicinity of 1021 East 11th Street, Pine Bluff. Mr. J. S. EDWARDS, residing 1228 West 6th Street, and insurance salesman for the National Life Company, advised he had sold an insurance policy to a colored woman whose name was VICTORIA NABORS, who lives at 1021 East 11th Street, Pine Bluff. He stated he had no information as to VICTORIA NABORS background or present activities, but he felt certain such information could be ascertained from the proprietor of a small grocery store located at 13th and Indiana Streets.

Mr. GARLAND HUCKLEBY, proprietor of a small grocery store at 13th and Indiana Streets, was contacted and he stated he knew VICTORIA NABORS only by sight. He went on to say she was the wife of ZETE NABORS, a retired employee of the Cotton Belt Railroad and whom he had known for several years. He advised he had never known VICTORIA or ZETE NABORS to have been in any trouble of any kind and he knew nothing of the present activities. Mr. HUCKLEBY stated that ZETE NABORS comes into his store occasionally to trade and that if he (HUCKLEBY) could be contacted at a later date he may be able to develop some information that would be of value.

Mr. HUCKLEBY was contacted at a later date and advised the reporting agent he had been unable to develop any information regarding VICTORIA and ZETE NABORS other than that they presently reside at 1021 East 11th Street, Pine Bluff, and that ZETE is a retired railroad employee.

Mr. G. D. BARFIELD, owner of Garrett's Grocery Store, 1401 Texas Street, advised that he had known VICTORIA and ZETE NABORS for several years. He went on to say he had no information which would lead him to believe that either VICTORIA or ZETE were in any way engaged in any activity that would not be for the best interests of the United States. He advised that ZETE was a retired railroad employee and appeared to be a loyal American citizen, hard working and honest. He said that VICTORIA seemed very arrogant and at times insolent toward white people, though he knew nothing of her activities that would be subversive. Mr. BARFIELD was contacted again on November 23, 1942 at which time he advised he had heard it rumored that meetings of colored people were held in the home of Mrs. NABORS, 1021 East 11th Street, and he believes such meetings were not to the best interests of the United States. Mr. BARFIELD suggested that a colored individual known as FENNIE HOLMES, who lives at 11th and Indiana Streets, be contacted in an effort to develop further information against the NABORS inasmuch as he believed HOLMES had attended several of the meetings held in the NABORS' home.

FENNIE HOLMES, colored, 1008 Indiana Street, was contacted and he stated he had known ZETE and VICTORIA NABORS for the last nine or ten years, and that he believed them both to be loyal and patriotic American citizens. He went on to say he had at no time attended a meeting at the NABORS' home, but that he had on a few occasions gone there of an evening as a neighbor to talk and visit. HOLMES said that on one

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occasion, he went to ZETE NABORS to discuss his (HOLMES) draft classification and that NABORS had advised him to quit any work which might be classified as defnese work and to go into the army voluntarily. HOLMES suggested that on this instant and another occasion similar to this, ZETE and VICTORIA NABORS had always displayed a desirable and patriotic attitude.

Mr. JOHN PAUL, whh operates a grocery store at 1126 Missouri Street, advised that he has known ZETE NABORS for about nine years, and VICTORIA NABORS, his wife, for approximately 3 years. PAUL suggested ZETE NABORS to be about 60 years old, who derives his living from a railroad pension from the Cotton Belt Railroad, and whom he believes to be a loyal American. He went on to say that the only derogatory information he had regarding NABORS was that his credit was slow.

Mrs. C. Y. WATTS, proprietor of the Watts Grocery Store and Market, 10th & Ohio Streets, and Mr. WILLIAM M. WEATHERFORD, owner of the Weatherford Grocery at 709 West 13th, were contacted in an effort to ascertain information regarding the present activities of ZETE and VICTORIA NABORS with negative results.

On November 25, 1942, Special Agent NEWTON A. BURNS and the reporting agent contacted and interviewed Mrs. VICTORIA NABORS at her home, 1021 East 11th Street, and the following information was obtained from her. She claimed she had heard nothing of the Peace Movement to Ethiopia or the Ethiopian Peace Movement, nor had she seen or heard from TOMMIE THOMAS since about 1919 or 1920 at which time she attended school with him at Grady, Arkansas. She went on to say she had no idea as to the present whereabouts of THOMAS.

Following is a description of VICTORIA NABORS which was secured through interview and personal observation:

Age	41 (born 7/3/01 at Charlotte, N. C.)
Height	5'
Weight	205 lbs.
Hair	Black, straight
Eyes	Brown
Scars & Marks	2½" scar on inner right forearm, brown mole on left cheek close to nose
Husband	ZETE NABORS, now retired on pension from CottonBelt Railroad.

NOEL MCCAIN, Desk Sergeant, Pine Bluff Police Department, searched his records and advised he had no criminal record on either ZETE or VICTORIA NABORS.

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AT GRADY, ARKANSAS:

The following individuals were contacted in the near vicinity of Grady in an effort to determine the recent activities of TOMMIE THOMAS with negative results: Mr. GEORGE McFALL, Mr. JEFFREY JORDAN, and Mr. ALVIN COGGINS.

Mr. WILLIAM ROGERS, bookkeeper for the H. R. Wood Mercantile Store, stated he knew no colored person by the name of TOMMIE THOMAS, but that he knew Mr. E. C. HARDIN had furnished a colored person by the name of TOMMIE THOMAS and details could probably be obtained from him.

Mr. E. C. HARDIN, a gin operator, advised he furnished a colored person by the name of TOMMIE THOMAS and that THOMAS lives on the CHARLIE CHARLES place across Bayou Bartholemew from Mrs. VIRGIE FITCH. He continued stating he knows nothing of the activities of THOMAS nor does he know any of his associates. Mr. HARDIN said he had never heard of the Peace Movement to Ethiopia and that he is positive such a movement has not progressed very far in the vicinity of Grady, Arkansas or he would have heard of it before this time. Mr. GOREE DENNIS, marshal, advised he knew no THOMAS nor had he heard of any peace movement to Ethiopia or Ethiopian Peace Movement. He advised also that TOMMIE THOMAS had never been in any trouble or he, DENNIS, would recall the name.

Mr. E. E. BROCKMAN, operator of a general store, about 10 miles West of Grady, Arkansas, advised he has known TOMMIE THOMAS for approximately 27 years, though about 17 years of that time THOMAS spent in St. Louis, Missouri, returning to Grady about two years ago. Mr. BROCKMAN stated he believed THOMAS to be an honest, hard working farmer and that he had never been in any kind of trouble to his knowledge. He said that on a few occasions THOMAS has made a crop for him, BROCKMAN, and that their business relationship has always been very desirable. He went on to say he believed THOMAS to be a loyal American and that he (BROCKMAN) had never heard of the Ethiopian Peace Movement or the Peace Movement to Ethiopia. Mr. BROCKMAN suggested that R. P. KING, colored, also known as PORTER KING, the colored school teacher in that vicinity, could possibly furnish further information regarding TOMMIE THOMAS.

R. P. KING (PORTER KING), colored teacher at the Moroni School, stated he had known THOMAS for approximately 15 years and that THOMAS was an honest, hard working negro, whom he had never known to be in any kind of trouble. KING went on to say that in the Fall of 1940, THOMAS attempted to organize a club which was to be called a local for the Peace Movement to Ethiopia. He said that THOMAS was president of the organization and that he, KING, was vice-president. He went on to say that meetings were held in the local school house of which he had full charge, and that everything was progressing all right with the organization

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until THOMAS decided to post two armed guards outside of the school building. He said the armed guards were to keep out all non-members and to refuse admittance to any white people. KING said he, KING, strenuously objected and after a heated discussion in which a large number of the members participated, he told THOMAS no more meetings of the organization could be held in the school building. KING stated THOMAS announced to the members that a meeting would be held the following night in the school building as had been originally planned.

KING advised that on the following night only THOMAS and his wife appeared at the school house for the scheduled meeting and since that time there has been no further attempt on the part of THOMAS to organize the local for the Ethiopian Peace Movement.

TOMMIE THOMAS was interviewed at his home on the CHARLIE CHARLES place, located approximately 10 miles west of Grady, Arkansas. He advised he knew a person, now known as Mrs. VICTORIA NABORS, some 23 or 24 years ago and that he attended school with her at Grady, Arkansas. He said Mrs. NABORS' maiden name was DOTTY HUGHES, and the last time he had seen or talked to her was in 1919 as best he could recall. He went on to say that some time back he had been advised as to Mrs. NABORS present whereabouts and he had made a notation of her address, but that it had been misplaced or he had lost it since that time. THOMAS advised that, to his knowledge, Mrs. VICTORIA NABORS was in no way connected with the Ethiopian Peace Movement, the Peace Movement to Ethiopia, or Madam GORDON.

THOMAS advised that since he had been contacted by Special Agent WOOD of the Little Rock Office, he had received another letter from Madam GORDON which was dated November 7, 1942. He voluntarily furnished the letter to the reporting agent for whatever use it could be put. The letter in whole appears as follows:

"4451 South State St.
Chicago, Illinois
November 7, 1942

"Mr. Tommie Thomas
Grady, Arkansas

My dear Mr. Thomas:

We are in receipt of yours of Oct. 31st and were exceptionally glad to hear from you. We are also acknowledging your letter of August 19, and the signatures that were enclosed.

The reason why your letters have not been answered is because

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of the controversy the movement is in right now and has been since September 20th.

Now about you going to Oakland, Calif., to get work in a defense job, I will leave that matter to your own intelligence. I am sure you can decide on the matter wisely. Hoping to hear from you at an early date.

Yours for the freedom of the race,"

/s/ M. M. L. GORDON

THOMAS' letter, quoted above, is being transmitted herewith to the Chicago Field Division. This letter has been properly identified by the reporting agent.

ENCLOSURES: TO CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

Original letter received by TOMMIE THOMAS from Madam GORDON, dated November 7, 1942, together with the envelope in which it came, postmarked Chicago, November 7, 1942, and giving the return address as 4451 So. State, Chicago, Illinois.

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FILE NO. **100-3621 MLS**

REPORT MADE AT HOUSTON, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/18/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/16/42	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT CLARE MOODY
TITLE THE PACIFIC MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, aka ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, wa. Madam Gordon; WILLIAM GORDON; DAVID LOGAN, was. J.B. Logan, D.J. Logan; JONES.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record Houston indices pertaining to subjects.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **RICHARD W. AXTELL**, Chicago, 9/16/42.
Report of Special Agent **ROBERT H. KLETT**, Indianapolis, 12/8/42.

DETAILS:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

The indices of the Houston Field Division were checked with respect to **THE PACIFIC MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT, MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, MADAM GORDON, WILLIAM GORDON, DAVID LOGAN, J. B. LOGAN, D. J. LOGAN, and JONES**, with negative results.

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REPORT MADE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/18/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/2,3/42	REPORT MADE BY JAMES T. DUGGAN
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka Ethiopian Peace Movement; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, w.a., Madam Gordon; WILLIAM GORDON; DAVIS LOGAN, w.a., J.B. Logan, D.J. Logan; JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (J) SEDITION
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Check of indices fails to reflect any information on subjects or organizations. Informants have no knowledge of either.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RICHARD W. AXTELL, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 16, 1942.			
DETAILS: A check of the indices of the San Antonio Field Division failed to reflect any information on the above named subjects and organizations. Mr. CLARENCE NORRIS, Assitant Director, Negro Division, Educational Department, W.P.A. at 608 1/2 East Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas, upon being interviewed concerning information about the above individuals and organizations, stated that to his knowledge, he had never heard of any of these persons being present in this area nor had he heard discussed among the Negro population, the above named organizations. Mr. NORRIS, a Negro who is a college graduate, and has furnished information to this office on other cases, stated further that he will make every attempt to develop any pertinent data concerning this, and will advise this office immediately. He stated that his only knowledge of these names was obtained from newspaper articles which he read. Negro newspapers published within the San Antonio Field Division merely mentioned the arrest and trial of the above members and other than a short reference to the fact that they were to be prosecuted for Selective Service because no real cases were developed from the Sedition charges, no further comment was made. Other informants of this office were unable to furnish any information of value concerning these persons or organizations named.			
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Savannah, Georgia
January 9, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA,
ET AL.
INTERNAL SECURITY - J; SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent ROBERT H. KLETT, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated December 8, 1942.

This report is the only communication the Savannah Office has received in this case, and it lists a number of members of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia in the Savannah, Georgia, territory. It is interesting to note that the alleged members in this territory are all located in five towns, namely Caldwell, Dublin, Eastman, Gresston, and Rentz, Georgia. This is rather unusual in itself inasmuch as these five towns are very small communities. Inasmuch as the Savannah Office does not have prior reports in this case it is not known as to whether the Peace Movement of Ethiopia has been proved to be a subversive organization.

It would therefore be appreciated if the Bureau would advise whether the Bureau considers it advisable to conduct investigations at Dublin, Rentz, Gresston, Eastman and Caldwell (Cadwell), Georgia, concerning the possible activities of instant organization in those communities. There is no Caldwell, Georgia. However, there is a Cadwell, Georgia. Cadwell, Rentz, and Dublin are all located in Laurens County; Gresston and Eastman are located in Dodge County, Georgia.

It is also noted that according to the informant mentioned in Agent KLETT's report a large number of members of this organization are located at Tangle, Georgia. Tangle is not listed in the Postal Guide, and it is therefore suggested that the Indianapolis Office re-contact its informant and ascertain the town meant by the informant in referring to Tangle.

Very truly yours,

J. R. RUGGLES
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: THE PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, aka
ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT;
MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, was, et al;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 9, 1943, inquiring if the Peace Movement to Ethiopia is a subversive organization and if it is deemed advisable to conduct investigation of this group in certain communities in Georgia. For your information this organization advocates the resettlement of negroes in Africa and contends they are citizens of Liberia and not of the United States. It also embraces Islamism. The organization reputedly received financial support from Japan shortly after its founding, and Madam Gordon, the head of the group, corresponded with Japanese leaders. After the declaration of war she and other persons prominent in the organization became openly pro-Japanese and antagonistic toward the United States declaring that on December 7, 1941, "one billion black people struck for freedom"..."that the Japanese were going to redeem the negroes from the white men in this country" and that "spoils of the United States would be equally divided among Hitler and the Japanese". Many other statements of similar intent and tone were also expressed.

On September 20, 1942, four of these leaders were taken into custody at Chicago, and on October 24, 1942, Madam Gordon was indicted for sedition and she and the other leaders for conspiracy to commit sedition. These facts were again presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Chicago on December 4, 1942, which returned a true bill similar in content to that of October 24. Their trial has been set for January 25, 1943.

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It would, therefore, appear from the activity of this organization in Chicago and other communities that it would be highly advisable to conduct the investigation requested in the report of Special Agent Robert H. Klett, dated December 8, 1942, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

You are requested to give this investigation prompt and vigorous attention with particular reference to the violations of the Sedition Statutes and of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, especially if the leaders or speakers within the territory covered by your Field Division

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have counseled or aided and abetted the violation of that Act. In addition it is requested that you determine when the organization appeared in the communities named in the reference letter and endeavor to fully develop the history of the organization and any Japanese or pro-Axis connections it may have.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Chicago
Indianapolis

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FILE NO. 100-8900

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-1-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-8-42	REPORT MADE BY HENRY CLAY SLATE HCS:JP
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, also known as ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT; MILLIE MAUD LENA GORDON, was et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY & J SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: NAKA NAKANE met LIANG at Chicago, Illinois about 1936 to study the principles of Pacific Movement of Eastern World. He stated that the Onward Movement of America Organization, whose purpose it was to place negroes in a material position, so as to command liberty, freedom, and justice. Did not know of Madam GORDON, WILLIAM GORDON MCQUEEN, MINO DEGUZMA or TOSHO. Kaew SALISBURY to be colored minister in Detroit attempting to undermine the colored people. Claims no knowledge of the Peace Movement. NAKANE and Mrs. PEARL T. SHRAD accompanied in 1932 to Toledo, Ohio, at which time they were married by Mrs. SHRAD's son, EMERSON SHRAD, and a man named JOHNSON. WILLIAM GORDON, had nothing to do with the marriage. NAKANE could not recall name of daughter of Japanese Nobleman and Ethiopian Prince who were to be married.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ALEXANDER D. MANSON dated December 1, 1942 at Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS: AT CAMP LIVINGSTON LOUISIANA

The file on NAKANE at the internment camp furnished the following information. He attended school in Japan from the time he was six until he was twenty years of age. This education being equivalent to a Bachelor of Art Degree. After coming to the United States, he took a course in Diesel Engineering. Under the heading of occupation, he listed as having been a school teacher, grocery man, furniture man, and hotel and restaurant operator. The files described same as a man to be closely watched, and on who was subject to

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deportation. It gave his fathers name as SHINTO. File further reflected that he had been arrested in Detroit, Michigan in 1933 for violation of the Neutrality Law, and had been deported. He was also supposed to have been arrested twice in Detroit, for inciting race hatred. The files indicated that it was believed that this man was in the employ of a foreign government for the purpose of organizing colored people for subversive work. His most recent offense which he was supposed to have committed was an attempt to bribe Indiana Harbor negroes, for which act he received a sentence of three years and a \$4500. fine. This sentence began September 28, 1939, and expired September 27, 1942. NAKANE, at the present time is wanted by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service at Kansas City, Missouri for deportation to Japan.

On December 8, 1942 the writer and Special Agent GEORGE MONTGOMERY interviewed NAKANE at the Internment Camp's Hospital at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. NAKANE, was brought into the reception room in a wheel chair, and was accompanied by an attendant. NAKANE, gave a brief history of himself to the effect that he was first married in Japan to CHIO and then to ANN CRADDOCK after he came to American and had two children by his second wife. He stated that his present wife's names was PEARL T. NAKANE.

NAKANE, advised that the years 1936 he had gone to Chicago, Illinois for the express purpose of talking with LIANG. His reason for arranging this meeting was for the purpose of studying the principles of the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World. He said that he considered LIANG a poor man. He said at no time had he given LIANG or MINO DE GUZMAN any money, and he was certain that he had not given either of them a \$100. bill. He stated that in fact he did not even know NIMO DE GUZMAN. He related further that he had been to Indiana Harbor only a few times in his life, and that while there on the few trips he did take, it was not for the purpose of business. He stated that he believed LIANG to have never received any money from Japan for any services rendered by him or otherwise. He related that the purpose of this visit was to study the principles of another organization which was considered similar to the organization that he himself had taken so much interest. He explained that the organization Onward Movement of America, or "Development of our Own", had the purpose to place the negroes in such a material position, so as to command liberty, freedom, and justice.

He stated definitely that he had no knowledge of any person by the name of MADAM GORDON, WILLIAM GORDON, MCQUEEN, NINO DE GUZMAN, or TASHO. He advised that he did know SALISBURY, and said that he knew him to be a person who made every attempt possible to undermine the colored people by untruths and build them up for his own individual followers. He said that he had never heard of the Ethiopian Peace Movement, or the Peace Movement to Ethiopia.

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He advised that WILLIAM GORDON had nothing whatsoever to do with his marriage, and that any statement that GORDON made to the effect that he did, was an untruth. He related that he and Mrs. PEARL SHRAD accompanied by a man named JOHNSON who worked at the Indiana Harbor, and his future son in law, EMERSON SHRAD, went by way of automobile to Toledo, Ohio. He explained that his marriage took place in 1932. He bore all of the expenses in connection with his wedding.

NAKANE, could not furnish the name of the daughter of a Japanese Nobleman, who was to be married to some Ethiopian Prince. He said that this particular instance had happened about ten or fifteen years ago, but the wedding never took place.

At this time NAKANE advised the writer that his wife is a negro. He stated that he had worked many years in the organization of the Onward Movement of America and various other organizations which brought about the advancement of colored people, but that during this time he had never received a penny from Japan. He related that payment of dues to this organization financed the officers and organizers responsible for these organizations.

It was observed by the writer that the subject in this case was extremely old and his mind is in a weakened condition. Often times simple questions had to be asked several times before a satisfactory answer could be arrived at.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

ATL FILE NO. **100-2688 SL**

REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA	DATE WHEN MADE 1/12/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/14, 16, 28; 1/3/43	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES H. KIMBALL
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, alias Madam Gordon; WILLIAM GORDON; DAVID LOGAN, aliases: J. B. Logan, D. J. Logan; JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (J); SEDITION.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Preliminary investigation at Atlanta fails to disclose evidence of subject organization presently in operation. Unable to locate Atlanta negroes listed in national files subject organization at East Chicago, Indiana as members of the organization.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-124410.
Report of Special Agent CHARLES H. KIMBALL, Atlanta, 11/12/42; Bureau letter to Atlanta, 12/1/42; Report of Special Agent ROBERT H. KLETT, Indianapolis, 12/8/42.

DETAILS: A review of the report of Special Agent ROBERT H. KLETT, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated December 8, 1942, reflects that it sets out the purported members of instant organization throughout the United States, as reflected from the national files in East Chicago, Indiana. The following individuals are listed as members of subject organization and residing in the Atlanta Field Division:

THOMAS SHEPHERD, Atlanta, Georgia.
DAVID, SHEPHERD, Atlanta, Georgia.
THEODORE SHEPHERD, Atlanta, Georgia.
SUSIE SHEPHERD, Atlanta, Georgia.
LILER SHEPHERD, Atlanta, Georgia.
MARY SHEPHERD, Atlanta, Georgia.
ANNIE L. JONES, 1217 Longesta Street, Atlanta, Georgia.
ROSELEE SAMUEL, 6222 Seventh Avenue, Columbus, Georgia.

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~~JAMOS SAMUEL, 622 $\frac{1}{2}$ Seventh Avenue, Columbus, Ga.
VIOLA JONES, 817 - Seventh Avenue, Columbus, Ga.
SAMPSON JONES, 817 - Seventh Avenue, Columbus, Ga.
JOHNNIE HINTON, 830 - 9th Avenue, Columbus, Ga.
JAMES HINTON, 830 - 9th Avenue, Columbus, Ga.
ELVIN CAUSTON, Company F, 24th Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga.~~

Detective J. L. MOZLEY, Police Department, Atlanta, Georgia, advised though he had investigated the agitation among the negroes for this office, he had never received any information to indicate that subject organization was operating in Atlanta. He referred the writer to a negro informant of his, advising that this individual was well acquainted with all negro activities, social and otherwise, in Atlanta, namely, WILLIE H. ESTES, 995 Parsons Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Upon interview, ESTES advised that he is presently assigned to the Reception Center at Fort Benning, Georgia, Army serial #3455434. ESTES advised that he had been in the "Numbers" racket in Atlanta for a number of years and in his work associated with negroes of all sort. He advised, however, that he had never run across an organization such as the subject organization. He advised that the only negro agitators that he knew of were Reverend L. H. KING, Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta and one SCOTT, Editor of the Atlanta Colored World.

J. H. HANLEY, Proprietor of a colored undertaking establishment, at 21 Bell Street, Atlanta, advised that his funeral home was used by several negro societies as a meeting place. He stated that the "Good Samaritans", a burial society, and the negro Laundry Workers Union, used his chapel for meeting places, however, he related he knew nothing concerning the existence of subject organization. HANLEY advised that he was active in negro social circles, being a member of a negro Masonic Order and having several burial societies of his own. He indicated that he believed that if subject organization existed in Atlanta, he would hear of it. He was advised to communicate with the Atlanta Office in such an event.

Upon reinterview, Detective J. L. MOZLEY advised that he had ascertained that JULIUS HILL, colored, a former teacher at the Booker T. Washington High School, who is presently assigned to the Chemical Warfare Division at Fort Benning, Georgia, would probably have some information concerning the existence of subject organization.

~~Source A~~ advised that he had had considerable contact with Private CLARENCE WILLIAM HARDING, U. S. Army, Recreational Center, Atlanta, Georgia, who is a negro agitator and leader of the Afro-American National Infantry, which is under

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investigation by this office at the present time. He stated that he had never heard HARDING mention subject organization as existing in Atlanta.

It will be noted that in connection with the investigation of CLARENCE WILLIAM HARDING'S organization, HARDING was interviewed and professed an acquaintance with MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON while he, HARDING, was in Chicago. He advised that he did not know of the existence of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia in Georgia.

HUBERT M. JACKSON, colored, Manager of the Henry Grady Negro Housing Project, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that there were approximately 1000 people residing in the project. He advised, however, that he had never heard of the existence of subject organization through contact with any of his tenants. He advised that the Manager of the John Eagan Housing Project on Chestnut Street in Atlanta, J. R. HENDERSON, colored, Manager of the Alonzo Herndon Housing Project on the corner of Gray and John Streets, one LUCIUS SMITH, Manager of the University Housing Project, and one A. G. MORAN, 668 Fair Street, Atlanta, might be good sources of information concerning the presence of subject organization in Atlanta.

With reference to the persons listed as residents of Atlanta and members of subject organization in reference report of Special Agent ROBERT H. KLETT, the following investigation was conducted:

A search of the Atlanta City Directory and the Telephone Directory failed to reflect a THOMAS, DAVID, THEODORE, SUSIE, LILER or a MARY SHEPHERD, who are colored. There are several ANNIE L. JONESES, however, none residing at 1217 Lonagesta Street.

A search of the Street Directory for Atlanta and Fulton County, as well as surrounding towns, failed to disclose a Lonagesta Street listed.

A check with all the Draft Boards in Fulton and DeKalb Counties failed to disclose a THOMAS, DAVID or THEODORE SHEPHERD, colored, as registrants in Atlanta.

A search of the records of the Atlanta Police Department failed to reflect an arrest for any of these individuals; these individuals are not listed in the indices of the Atlanta Field Division.

Neither ANNIE L. JONES or the SHEPHERDS listed above have credit records with the Credit Service Exchange, Volunteer Building.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION at Fort Benning, Georgia, will interview ELVIN CAUSTON, Company F, 24th Infantry, relative to his membership with the "Peace Movement of Ethiopia", and the means through which he became a member thereof.

Will also ascertain other members of this organization in this division known to CAUSTON.

Will interview JULIUS HILL, negro, Chemical Warfare Division, relative to the existence of subject organization in Atlanta.

At Columbus, Georgia, will contact negro informants, working towards ascertaining the extent and activities of instant organization in Columbus, and will interview the individuals mentioned below for information concerning the means through which instant organization was brought to Columbus, Georgia. Will check the Draft status of the male members listed and also interview them to ascertain if any activities on the part of subject organization influenced them with reference to their Draft status:

JOHNNIE AND JAMES HINTON, 830 - 9th Avenue,

ROSIELEE SAMTEL, 622 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7th Ave.

JAMES SAMTEL, 622 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7th Ave.

VIOLA JONES and SAMPSON JONES, 817 - 7th Ave.

In connection with the interview with VIOLA and SAMPSON JONES, inquiry should be made concerning the whereabouts of ANNIE L. JONES of Atlanta, Georgia, possibly a relative.

At Atlanta, Georgia, will interview JOHN WESLEY DOBBS, Head of the Negro Masonic Order, who maintains an office at 330 Auburn Avenue, N. E., for information concerning the existence of subject organization in Atlanta.

Will, upon coverage of the Columbus and Fort Benning leads, utilize possible information developed to assist in locating the existence of subject organization in Atlanta.

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Director, FBI

Re: [Ⓞ] PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, aka
[Ⓞ] ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 24, 1942, Bureau file 100-124410, wherein it is pointed out that Confidential Informant T-1 mentioned in the report of Special Agent Robert B. Harrington, dated November 24, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, is not identified.

The Bureau's attention is directed to letter from this Division dated December 1, 1942, wherein it is shown that Confidential Informant T-1 mentioned in the report of Special Agent Robert B. Harrington is the Military Intelligence Service for the Eighth Corps Area.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT; et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation to identify or locate
MAZENE MONESSON negative.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RICHARD W. AXTELL, dated 11-24-42 at Chicago, Illinois.
Pittsburgh teletype of Chicago, dated 11-30-42.

DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Continued inquiries as to the identity of MAZENE MONESSON have been made in connection with investigation of Moslem and Negro activities in the Pittsburgh Field Division with negative results. The following informants have advised that they have never heard of MAZENE MONESSON:

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whose identity is known to the Bureau and who is participating in the activities of the African Moslem Welfare Society of America, located at Pittsburgh, Pa.;

Confidential Informant 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The indices of the Pittsburgh Field Office have been checked with negative results.

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Date: January 21, 1943

To: SAC, Philadelphia

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, aka
 ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT;
 MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, was, et al;
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For your information and consideration in connection with the investigation of the above-captioned matter there are being forwarded photostatic copies of an intercept from the Office of Censorship of a letter directed by A. Warren, 2715 W. Thompson Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mr. C. Frederick Taylor, Monrovia, Republic of Liberia, West Coast Africa.

It is suggested that you conduct an investigation with reference to Warren and the Peace Movement to Ethiopia in your Field Division.

Enclosure

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ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE NEGROES IN UNITED STATES
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Writer states that the hope of the Black people lies in Africa and that the Africans must organize to free themselves from "Those murderous barbarians". Writer suggests that addressee write about European "pillage and rape" in The Nationalist in order that the attention of the whole world be called to it. Writer also states: "If Europeans are to be saved tomorrow they must prostrate themselves at the feet of Africans and beg them to save them". He adds that according to the Bible tomorrow belongs to the Black races and any person or Nation that does anything against Black people is doomed. Writer continues that Governments are conspiring to keep Africans at home and abroad apart. Writer refers to organization The Peace Movement Of Ethiopia - 4451 State St., Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. M. M. Gordon, Pres., which has as its aim to return Africans to Africa. Addressee is advised to contact her. Writer states that a Mr. Stewart is "perverting the U.N.I.A. and if he is premitted, the destruction of the U.N.I.A. is possible." Reference is made by the writer to the publication The Negro World but adds that the majority of race papers are controlled by men who lack vision and understanding and thus do not reflect the opinions and hopes of the masses. Writer further assures addressee that the "Redemption of Africa" is near as a result of the handiwork of God and Chief Ron. M. Garvey, recently deceased leader. Biblical references are given in an attempt to prove his statements.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812
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January 12, 1943

Director,
FBI.

Dear Sir:

RE: PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA a/k/a
Ethiopian Peace Movement; MITTIE MAUD
LENA GORDON, was, et al - INTERNAL SECURITY
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Reference is made to Bureau letter of December 31, 1942 (Bureau file 100-124410) in the above-entitled case, in which it is set forth that subject MADAM GORDON, 4451 S. State Street, Chicago, Illinois, had sent a registered article #74539, of which the return receipt indicated that the original article had been addressed to one HIROSI SAITO.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent Richard W. Axtell dated November 24, 1942 at Chicago, on page 71 of which report it appears that the registered receipt in question had been signed by GENE RABB, acting for SAITO. Reference letter from the Bureau indicated that HIROSI SAITO was formerly the Japanese ambassador to the United States and is presently believed to be in Japan.

Please be advised that William J. Connor, Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, has stated that for purposes of the trial involving MADAM GORDON; her husband, WILLIAM GREEN GORDON, DAVID JAMES LOGAN and SEON EMANUEL JONES, which trial is now scheduled to begin on January 25, 1943, it is desirable to establish by competent witnesses that SAITO acted as the Japanese ambassador to the United States and that his present whereabouts is not known.

The Bureau is therefore requested to ascertain from the Department of State the proper person to testify to the identity of SAITO and his absence from this country. It is further requested that the official status, identity and present location of GENE RABB, the individual who signed for the registered article #74539, be ascertained and this office advised in time to issue the necessary subpoenas.

Very truly yours,

S. J. DRAYTON,
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SAC, WASHINGTON

RE: SPACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, A.K.A.
Ethiopian Peace Movement
MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, WAS., ET AL.
INTERNAL SECURITY (J)
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

In connection with the trial of the subjects in the above captioned case, the Chicago Field Division desires to know the official status, identity and present location of Gene Rabb, who signed for a registered article number 74539, date not given, addressed to the Japanese Ambassador, Hiroshi Saito, now deceased, by Mittie Maud Lena Gordon, Chicago.

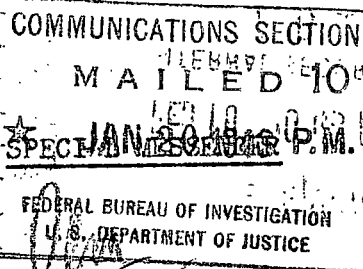
The Bureau files reflect that Gene Elizabeth Rabb applied for a position with the Office for Emergency Management on December 11, 1941, and at that time gave her address as 1529 18th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. There is nothing in the file to indicate that she was ever employed by OEM. It appears that her duties at the Japanese Embassy were to read and clip articles from newspapers as well as work at the switchboard and type. She is an American citizen and was notified to the Department of State as an official or employee of the Japanese Government on April 8, 1941. It does not appear that she is now connected with the Japanese Embassy.

It is requested that you locate Miss Rabb and ascertain if she has any recollection of receiving this article and furnish this information to the Chicago Field Division in sufficient time to issue the necessary subpoena for the trial, which will commence on January 25, 1943.

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Very truly yours,

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RE: PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA,
a.k.a. Ethiopian Peace Movement;
MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, was; ET AL;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 1, 1942, advising that the records of the Federal Grand Jury considering seditious activities in the Chicago area included information pertaining to the above-named organization as well as the National Colored American Organization, also known as the Washington Park Forum, Chicago File 100-8971, and the Allah Temple of Islam Organization, Chicago file 100-9129. It was requested that a review of these records be made and an investigative report be submitted.

Please be advised that the Subject leaders of these three organizations were apprehended by this office on charges of sedition. The trials in these cases have been set for January 1943. All information appearing in the records kept by the Grand Jury have previously been submitted in investigative and summary reports. In view of this, no further effort will be made to review and report the records pertaining to these three organizations.

Very truly yours,

S. J. Drayton
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SIGNED FOR A REGISTERED ARTICLE NUMBER SEVEN FOUR FIVE THREE NINE,
DATE NOT GIVEN, ADDRESSED TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, HIROSI SAITO,
NOW DECEASED, BY MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, CHICAGO,. MISS RABB SINCE
MARRIED, NOW KNOWN AS MRS. OLIVER DEVINE OF NINETY SEVEN MAPLE
LANE, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MRS. DEVINE AND
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: THE PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, aka
ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT;
MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, was, et al;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
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You will recall in my memorandum of December 17, 1942, the statement that Madam Mittie Maud Lena Gordon, William Gordon, Seon Jones and David Logan were charged with sedition in an indictment returned against them at Chicago on October 24, 1942. The facts were presented to another Grand Jury at Chicago on December 4, 1942, which returned a true bill charging Madam Gordon with sedition and all of the subjects with conspiracy to commit sedition. These persons were arraigned before Federal Judge William K. Holly and upon pleas of not guilty trial was set for January 25, 1943.

Upon arraignment before Judge Holly on January 25, the subjects again pleaded not guilty and trial was set for January 26, 1943. They previously indicated through their attorney, Lloyd T. Bailey, their desire to plead guilty but changed their minds at the last moment.

I will keep you advised as to the progress of this trial.

Respectfully,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 100-3709

REPORT MADE AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	DATE WHEN MADE 1/21/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/6/43	REPORT MADE BY JAMES C. PORTER
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, also known as Ethiopian Peace Movement; MADAM MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, was., et al;			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

EDMOND HOLLIDAY advised he received no instructions from any Subjects of instant case regarding compliance with Selective Service Act. He advised he knew of no Japanese activities in connection with the P.M.O.E. He stated he knew of no connection with the P.M.E.W. DeGUZMAN presently in New York.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RICHARD W. AXTELL, Chicago, dated 11/24/42.

DETAILS:

At Sandstone, Minnesota

EDMOND HOLLIDAY, colored, was interviewed at the Federal Correctional Institution at Sandstone, Minnesota, and advised that he had failed to fill out his questionnaire for the Selective Service due to his religious beliefs. He stated that his religion is Islam, which is the religion of his forefathers. He stated that this religion was carried on through the Subject organization.

HOLLIDAY stated he had been a member of this organization since 1933 and that he had been Head Secretary of the national organization since about 1934. He stated that the President of the organization was MADAM MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, and that she was the one who had been the first organizer for this organization. He stated that the organization was still in existence at the time of his commitment to the penitentiary in March, 1942.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

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He advised that the organization met once a week on Sundays. He stated that the organization had been formed for the purpose of securing the return of the colored people to Liberia. He stated that the organization numbered about 600,000 members, and that all of these had expressed their desire to be repatriated to Liberia. Their desire was to have the United States Government pay the expenses of having these people returned to Liberia. He advised that the Liberian Government had agreed to accept these people if they would return to Africa.

HOLLIDAY advised that there was nothing brought up at the meetings against the Selective Service Act, that he had never heard any member being encouraged to put in a claim as a conscientious objector, and that he had never talked to anyone regarding the Selective Service questionnaire. He stated that his religion was against war and, therefore, he had failed to fill out his questionnaire before returning it to the Draft Board.

HOLLIDAY advised that Mrs. GORDON had never talked to him regarding the Selective Service Act. He did not receive any advice from Madam GORDON regarding the questionnaire, nor did he receive any instructions regarding the Selective Service Act.

HOLLIDAY stated that WILLIAM GREEN GORDON, husband of Madam GORDON, had never instructed him regarding the Selective Service Act nor in regard to filling out his Selective Service questionnaire. He further advised that Mr. GORDON never held an office in this organization.

He stated that DAVID JAMES LOGAN was a member of the Executive Council of the organization, and that he was the Chaplain. He advised that LOGAN had never given any instructions regarding the Selective Service Act or compliance therewith.

HOLLIDAY advised that they had a number of local chapters in Chicago, and that SEON EMANUEL JONES was President of Local No. 1 in Chicago. He stated that he had attended meetings of this organization and had never heard any instructions given regarding the Selective Service Act. Local No. 3 of Indiana Harbor, Indiana has a Vice President by the name of J. E. HART. President of Local No. 2 in Chicago is Mr. H. HUNT. This Local was consolidated with Local No. 1. Mr. THOMPSON was President of Local No. 6 in Chicago.

In regard to the meetings, HOLLIDAY advised that they discussed racial ideas at the meetings and ways in which the people could make a living upon their return to Africa. He advised that the organization had been formed during the depression years in the United States, and they were attempting to find some way to aid the colored people and provide a permanent settlement of this question. Their permanent plan was to have the colored people returned to Africa, and that they could build up the country and provide for their own future. They would be free in Liberia, which they are not in this country.

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HOLLIDAY further advised that he knew of no aid received by the organization from the Japanese or the Japanese Government, and in order to be a member of this organization a person must be of African descent. A person of one-sixteenth or less degree of African blood could not be a member, and a person of Japanese blood could not be a member of this organization. He stated that he is not acquainted with any Japanese people, though he knows that there are Japanese married to colored people of African descent. He does not know whether or not they have been helping the organization.

He advised that he knows of no connection between the Subject organization and the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World. He advised that he had attended one meeting of this organization in Chicago in about 1935, but that he does not know who the head of the organization is, and does not know anything regarding this organization.

HOLLIDAY further advised that he was one of the original members of this organization and that the organization's plans were directed by Mrs. GORDON and JOSEPH ROCKMORE. These are the only two of the original group he knew of who had taken an active part in the organization.

Reference report requested that MIMO DE GUZMAN, also incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Sandstone, be interviewed. It was ascertained that DE GUZMAN is out on writ at the present time to testify at the Court in the Southern District of New York, and that he was released to the United States Marshal from the Southern District of New York on 12/10/42 to testify in the case of United States vs. LEONARD ROBERT JORDAN, et al. Upon his return he will be interviewed as requested in reference report.

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THE ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION

*At Sandstone, Minnesota

Will interview MIMO DE GUZMAN, with aliases, at the Federal Correctional Institution. DE GUZMAN was committed to this Institution on October 13, 1942. Will secure from DE GUZMAN all information in his possession pertaining to any of the subjects in instant case, including the early formation of the subject organization, wherein DE GUZMAN, who was known to Subject Madam GORDON as "TAKIS," was active in formulating the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World. Will ascertain from DE GUZMAN the reception he received at the hands of subject Madam GORDON, it being noted that she stated she became aware of the fact that he was defrauding Negroes and that she threw him out of several meetings. It should be noted that at this time DE GUZMAN was telling Negroes he was working directly for the Japanese Government and was paid by the Japanese Consulate for his services.

Will also keep in mind the letter from Chicago Field Office dated November 9, 1942 when questioning DE GUZMAN.

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RE: PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, aka
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Dear Sir:

Please refer to your teletype of January 28, 1943,
requesting an affidavit from the Secretary of State verifying
the official status of Kenji Nakauchi as Consul General of
Japan at Chicago, Illinois in 1934 and 1935.

There is being enclosed an affidavit of the Honorable
Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, attesting the appointment of
Nakauchi as Vice Consul of Japan at Chicago. This affidavit
does not contain precisely the data desired in that it does
not reflect the exact dates of the period during which his
Exequatur was recognized. However, it is believed the infor-
mation contained therein will suffice as there is said to be
no additional data in the State Department's files.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CUNNINGHAM

Re: PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA a/k/a
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LENA GORDON, was, et al - INTERNAL SECURITY
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Reference is made to the attached copy of a letter from the Chicago Office requesting that the Bureau contact the State Department to arrange that a State Department official be present in Chicago to testify on behalf of the Government that HIROSHI SAITO was Japanese Ambassador to the United States between the dates of February 1934 and December 1938.

At the request of Supervisor Tillman in the Internal Security Section, contact was had with Mr. Charles H. Spruks of the Protocol Division of the State Department. Mr. Spruks stated that inasmuch as it was common knowledge that Saito was Japanese Ambassador to the United States he did not feel it necessary to have a State Department witness proceed to Chicago as he felt that a deposition or affidavit from the State Department would suffice.

This matter was discussed with Mr. Tillman and contact was had with the Chicago Office. It has been determined that an affidavit with the certified papers of Saito's official notification to the State Department would be sufficient.

This matter was again discussed with Mr. Spruks, whereupon he supplied the writer the attached affidavit by Cordell Hull advising in substance that Saito was duly accredited to this Government as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan from February 13, 1934 until December 22, 1938. Mr. Spruks informed the writer that such affidavits had been used in Federal proceedings in prior cases and he felt that Mr. Hull's affidavit would be sufficient.

This affidavit should be immediately given to Mr. Tillman so that it may be immediately transmitted to Chicago.



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Director,
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Reference is made to Bureau letter of December 31, 1942 (Bureau file 100-124410) in the above-entitled case, in which it is set forth that subject MADAM GORDON, 4451 S. State Street, Chicago, Illinois, had sent a registered article #74539, of which the return receipt indicated that the original article had been addressed to one HIROSI SAITO.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent Richard W. Axtell dated November 24, 1942 at Chicago, on page 71 of which report it appears that the registered receipt in question had been signed by GENE RABB, acting for SAITO. Reference letter from the Bureau indicated that HIROSI SAITO was formerly the Japanese ambassador to the United States and is presently believed to be in Japan.

Please be advised that William J. Connor, Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, has stated that for purposes of the trial involving MADAM GORDON; her husband, WILLIAM GREEN GORDON, DAVID JAMES LOGAN and SEON EMANUEL JONES, which trial is now scheduled to begin on January 25, 1943, it is desirable to establish by competent witnesses that SAITO acted as the Japanese ambassador to the United States and that his present whereabouts is not known.

The Bureau is therefore requested to ascertain from the Department of State the proper person to testify to the identity of SAITO and his absence from this country. It is further requested that the official status, identity and present location of GENE RABB, the individual who signed for the registered article #74539, be ascertained and this office advised in time to issue the necessary subpoenas.

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Very truly yours,

RWA:MJ DATE 7-2-96 BY SP4-BJA/jm S. J. DRAYTON,
SAC.

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Memo Mr. Cunningham
RRR 1/23/43

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DIRECTOR, SAC WASHINGTON FIELD
RING. PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, ETAL, INTERNAL SECURITY J., SEDITION.
RETEL JANUARY NINETEEN, USA CHICAGO STATES A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE PAPERS
FILED BY HIROSI SOITO WITH STATE DEPARTMENT SHOWING OFFICIAL STATUS AND
AFFIDAVIT OF SECRETARY OF STATE TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.
PLEASE FORWARD THESE PAPERS IMMEDIATELY AS TRIAL BEGINS JANUARY TWENTY-
FIVE, FORTYTHREE. USA, CHICAGO ADVISES THAT GENE ELIZABETH ROBB
FORMER SECRETARY JAPANESE EMBASSY WILL PROBABLY BE CALLED AS REBUTTAL
WITNESS. WASHINGTON FIELD REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THIS OFFICE WHEN PRESENT
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Date:

January 23, 1943

To:

SAC, Chicago

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY
REGISTERED MAIL

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

THE PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, aka
ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT;
MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, was, et al;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION

Reference is made to your letter of January 12, 1943, requesting that the Bureau ascertain from the State Department the proper person to testify to the identity of Hiroshi Saito, former Japanese Ambassador to the United States, and his absence from this country.

Reference is also made to your teletype of January 21, 1943, in response to an inquiry by the Bureau indicating that an affidavit of the Secretary of State relative to Saito's status would be acceptable in lieu of the presence of a State Department employee at the trial of the defendants in the captioned case.

There is being forwarded herewith an affidavit prepared by the Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to the effect that "Hiroshi Saito was duly accredited to this Government as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan from February 13, 1934, until December 22, 1938." For your further information, Saito died in the United States on February 26, 1939, and his ashes were shipped to Japan on March 18, 1939, on board the U.S.S. Indianapolis.

The Washington Field Division will advise you as to the present whereabouts of Gene Elizabeth Rabb, a former secretary at the Japanese Embassy.

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cc Washington

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OPAL. PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, ETAL - INTERNAL SECURITY J., SEDITION.
GOVERNMENTS CASE VIRTUALLY COMPLETED TODAY. TESTIMONY OF LABORATORY
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ADDRESSED TO GENERAL SODAO AROKI, WAR MINISTRY TOKYO JAPAN, CALLING FOR
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RELATING TO HIROSHI SAITO BE OBTAINED AND IMMEDIATELY FORWARDED TO REACH
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ACTED AS JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL IN CHICAGO FROM NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO
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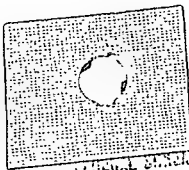
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SEDITION TRIAL OF SUBJECTS MADAM GORDON, DAVID JAMES LOGAN, LEON EMANUE
JONES, WILLIAM GREEN GORDON SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN
FORTYTHREE, TEN A.M. US ATTORNEY REQUESTS PRESENCE OF WITNESS S. S.
MARSHALL, LABORATORY TECHNICIAN, TOGETHER WITH CHARTS OR OTHER EXHIBITS
ON STURDAY, JANUARY TWENTYTHIRD, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE AT ~~THIRTY~~ THIRTY-AM.

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Transmit the following message to:

PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, ET AL, SEDITION, IS, J. ADVISE NAMES OF MEMBERS

THIS ORGANIZATION CHARGED WITH OR SENTENCED FOR VIOLATION SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT
TOGETHER WITH DATES AND SENTENCES IMPOSED.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. 100-2688 DD

REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA	DATE WHEN MADE 1/31/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/14, 15/43	REPORT MADE BY EARL HIRSH
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, alias Madam Gordon; WILLIAM GORDON; DAVID LOGAN, aliases: J. B. Logan, D. J. Logan; JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (J); SEDITION
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">All persons contacted to determine if the Peace Movement of Ethiopia existant in Atlanta resulted negatively.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent CHARLES H. KIMBALL, dated January 12, 1943 at Atlanta, Georgia.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">It was ascertained at 330 Auburn Avenue that JOHN WESTLEY DOBES (colored), head of the Negro Masonic Order, was out of the city and would not return to Atlanta for approximately six weeks.</p> <p>JOSEPH CRAWFORD, Secretary of the Negro Masons advised that he was in a position to furnish any information that DOBBS would be able to furnish, and therefore, CRAWFORD was interviewed concerning the Peace Movement of Ethiopia.</p> <p>CRAWFORD advised that he has been residing in Atlanta for sixty-six years, has been connected with the Railway Express Company a sufficiently long time to have been pensioned and is in daily contact with Negroes of all classes. He stated that he had never heard of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia and did not believe that same was existent or else he would have had a rumble about it.</p> <p>HARRY S. MURPHY (colored), 275 Auburn Avenue, N. E., has been in the printing business for a number of years and advised that through his business associates he undoubtedly would have heard of such a movement if same was existent in Atlanta. He stated that he would make every effort to determine if such a movement was present in Atlanta and would immediately contact reporting Agent.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">100-124410-93</div> <div style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED FEB 3 1943</div>	
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Atlanta, 100-2688

W. H. AIKEN (colored), 158 Auburn Avenue, N. E. has been in the real estate business for a number of years and has also coached Negro sports in Atlanta colleges for the past twenty-five years. At the present time AIKEN is head of a large Negro Housing Project and comes in contact with the three other heads of Negro projects, as well as the low class Negro in Atlanta.

AIKEN stated that he had never heard of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia and did not believe that same was existent. The names of the Negroes who allegedly are members of this Movement were related to him, and he stated that he had never heard of any of these individuals and thought that they were fictitious names. AIKEN was very cooperative and stated that he would immediately contact Agent if he received any information concerning this Movement.

DENNY BURKE (colored), 310 Auburn Avenue, who is in the cleaning and pressing business and who has previously furnished reliable information to this office, stated that he had never heard of this organization and did not believe that it existed in Atlanta. BURKE stated he would make inquiry among his various contacts and would advise this office upon learning of this Movement.

O. S. HALL (colored), 215 Auburn Avenue, N. E., service station operator, and who has proved reliable in the past, stated that he had never heard of this organization and was of the opinion that it was not existent in Atlanta. HALL stated that the Atlanta Negroes did not accept outside organizations readily, especially one of this type and did not believe that there was any such Movement here.

DR. G. A. HOWELL (colored), 236 Auburn Avenue, advised that he had lived in Atlanta all his life with the exception of a few years spent in Chicago, and that he is positive no such organization exists. He stated that the Atlanta Negro is very careful not to accept any organization, publication, etc., coming out of Chicago, as they know the reputation of the Negroes in Chicago and definitely would not have anything to do with them. HOWELL stated he comes in contact with all classes of Negroes in Atlanta because of his profession and knows that if any such movement was in existence he would have heard of same.

W. Y. BELL (colored), Atlanta Urban League, 279 Auburn Avenue, N. E., stated that he is in charge of this Urban League which is more or less a Social Service Institution; through his many contacts in this League, BELL stated that they come in contact with every organization in Atlanta, and that he would be in an excellent position to know if such an organization existed. He also stated that it is his duty on Saturday night and other nights to disguise himself in old clothes and travel among the Negro groups in Atlanta and determine what their feeling is toward things in general. BELL stated that he had heard of no such organization as the Peace Movement of Ethiopia and did not believe that it was existent in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Georgia, 100-2688

I. P. REYNOLDS, colored mail carrier, who is called "The Mayor" of the Negro section, was contacted and he advised that he had attended a meeting of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia while in Chicago, but that he was positive that this organization did not exist in Atlanta. REYNOLDS stated that he did not purposely attend this meeting in Chicago, but that some of the friends he went with were in attendance which was the reason he attended. He stated that the Atlanta Negro would not have anything to do with the Chicago Negro and knew that such an organization could not gain a foothold in Atlanta.

PENDING.

Atlanta, Georgia, 100-2688

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- * THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION, at Fort Benning, Georgia, will interview ELVIN GAUSTON, Company F-24th Infantry, relative to his membership with the "Peace Movement of Ethiopia", and the means through which he became a member thereof.
- * Will also ascertain other members of this organization in this division known to GAUSTON
- * Will interview JULIUS HILL, negro, Chemical Warfare Division, relative to the existence of subject organization in Atlanta.
- * At Columbus, Georgia, will contact negro informants, working towards ascertaining the extent and activities of instant organization in Columbus, and will interview the individuals mentioned below for information concerning the means through which instant organization was brought to Columbus, Georgia. Will check the Draft status of the male members listed and also interview them to ascertain if any activities on the part of subject organization influenced them with reference to their Draft status:

JOHNNIE AND JAMES HINTON, 830 - 9th Avenue,
ROSIELEE SAMIEL, 622 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7th Ave.
JAMES SAMIEL, 622 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7th Ave.
VIOLA JONES and SAMPSON JONES, 817 - 7th Ave.
- * In connection with the interview with VIOLA AND SAMPSON JONES, inquiry should be made concerning the whereabouts of ANNIE L. JONES of Atlanta, Georgia, possibly a relative.

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JANUARY 27, 1943

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OPAL. PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, ETAL - INTERNAL SECURITY J., SEDITION.
TRIAL COMMENCED JANUARY TWENTYSIX, TWO PM. GOVERNMENTS CASE WILL
PROBABLY BE COMPLETED JANUARY TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. GOVERN-
MENT HAS PRODUCED TESTIMONY SUBSTANTIATING SEDITIOUS STATEMENTS ALLEGED
IN INDICTMENT. LOCAL BOARD OFFICIALS AND FORMER DELINQUENTS HAVE
TESTIFIED S TO INTERFERENCE WITH ARMED FORCES. BULK OF EXHIBITSSHOW-
ING PRO-JAPANESE SYMPATHIES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED AND ADMITTED AFTER
STIPULATION. CERTAIN CONTESTED EXHIBITS HAVE BEEN ADMITTED
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RIPE. PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA ETAL, IS - J, SEDITION. TRIAL'S
RESUMED FEBRUARY THIRD, NINETEEN FORTY THREE, GOVERNMENTS CASE
COMPLETED. DEFENDANT MADAM GORDON ADMITTED ON CROSS EXAMINATION
AUTHORSHIP OF PRO JAPANESE LETTERS BUT DENIED MAKING STATEMENTS
OR HEARING THEM MADE, WHICH WERE ATTRIBUTED TO HER. DENIED AD-
MISSION CONTAINED IN UNSIGNED STATEMENTS. DEFENSE EXPECTS TOP
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Laboratory Report

February 4, 1943

File #
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Re:

Peace Movement of Ethiopia,
Madam M. M. L. Gordon, et al.
Sedition.

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Examination requested by:

Chicago

Reference:

Request made in person 1-24-43

Examination requested:

Marshall

Document

Specimens:

100-124410 Q27 Letter handwritten in pencil addressed to Hon. Kenji Wakauchi, 5555 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, beginning "Dear Sir we have Suffered untold misery..."; reverse side of sheet bears letter to the Peace Movement of Ethiopia beginning, "The Elks State....".

K1 Specimen from Royal typewriter, Serial #SX-1588230, found in the home of Mrs. Mittie Maud Lena Gordon, 4451 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois; initialed by SA Richard W. Axtell of the FBI.

Also Submitted: Carbon copy of K1.

100-124410-96

Mr. Tolson Result of Examination:

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg

It was concluded that Mrs. M. M. L. Gordon, who admitted writing

specimen Q4 which was previously submitted in this case and to whom has been

attributed the writing of specimens Q5; parts of Q7, Q8 and Q9; Q11, and

parts of Q12, also prepared the handwriting appearing on specimen Q27.

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Specimens K1 and Q27 were returned to the Chicago Field Division by Mr. Marshall under date of January 25, 1943. Testimony has already been given in this case.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 3, 1943

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100-124410

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COFFEY

Re: ^① PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA
Mittie Maud Lena Gordon,
with alias, et al;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
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On January 22, 1943 Special Agent S. W. Marshall proceeded to Chicago, Illinois for conference with the United States Attorney on January 23, 1943 and subsequent testimony in the above-entitled case.

Upon arrival in Chicago, Mr. Marshall was given a known type-writing specimen and some additional questioned handwriting for the purpose of examination. Mr. Marshall advised the Bureau of these additional specimens and was instructed to proceed to Washington and conduct the examination in the Laboratory. Consequently Mr. Marshall returned to Washington, prepared the necessary photographs and enlargements, conducted the examination and returned to Chicago on January 24, 1943.

After further conferences with the United States Attorney and delays in opening the trial, Mr. Marshall testified in the Federal Court, Chicago, Illinois on January 27 and 28 in the above-entitled case to the effect that specimens Q16 and Q17 were typewritten on the typewriter of the defendant, Mittie Maud Lena Gordon. He further testified that the body of specimen Q27 and certain additions and changes which had been made in specimens Q7, Q8 and Q9 were written by the writer of specimen Q4, Mittie Maud Lena Gordon.

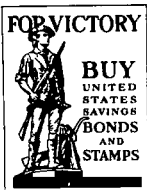
After Mr. Marshall's testimony was completed, he left Chicago on the first available train and arrived in Washington at 4:45 PM on January 29, 1943.

Inasmuch as Mr. Marshall left Chicago before the trial was completed, the outcome is not known at this time.

Respectfully,

C. A. Appel

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REPORT MADE AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	DATE WHEN MADE 2/4/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/11,13/42	REPORT MADE BY JOHN L. SULLIVAN JLS:BS
TITLE PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, a.k.a. Ethiopian Peace Movement; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, wa, ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

In signed statement **THOMAS H. BONNER**, alias **THOMAS H. BERNARD**, admits that he was organizer of Peace Movement to Ethiopia in Miss. and voluntarily produced all correspondence with his superior, **M. M. L. GORDON**, of Chicago, Ill., wherein she sent him instructions. All letter in question plus all pertinent correspondence with **M. M. L. GORDON** obtained and identified for transmittal to Chicago Field Division.

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REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent **JOHN F. BAKER** dated 11/25/42 at Birmingham, Alabama.

Report of Special Agent **RICHARD W. AXTELL** dated 11/24/42 at Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS

AT MATHERVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

THOMAS H. BONNER was interviewed at his home at Matherville, Mississippi, and with his consent as evidenced by a waiver of search, his premises were searched and the documents in question plus all other pertinent correspondence was obtained. The following voluntarily signed statement was obtained from **BONNER** and is being transmitted to the Chicago Field Division, along with pertinent correspondence obtained from **BONNER**.

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"Matherville, Mississippi
December 13, 1942

"I, Thomas H. Bernard, also known as Thomas H. Bonner, do hereby voluntarily make the following signed statement to John L. Sullivan who has properly identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I have been advised that I am entitled to counsel and that this statement may be used against me in a court of law. No threats, promises or rewards have been made or offered to me and I sign this statement which I make of my own free will.

My name is THOMAS H. BONNER but in "The Peace Movement of Ethiopia," I am known as and write letters as THOMAS H. BERNARD. I was born at Matherville, Mississippi, on October 14, 1898. I am married but I have no children. I am living on my mother's farm with my mother, DELIA BONNER, and my wife, ALEE BONNER. I have just come from Mobile, Alabama, where I was working as a boilermaker helper at the Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company. I plan to go back to Mobile, Alabama to work for this company again about the first of January, 1942.

"I have been a member of "The Peace Movement of Ethiopia" since about the year of 1937. I have written many letters to the head of this organization whose name is M. M. L. GORDON. I also have received many letters from M. M. L. GORDON whose main office is in Chicago, Illinois. I have kept her letters because the letters of M. M. L. GORDON tells me what to do. I look to M. M. L. GORDON for advice and then I follow what her letters tell me to do. She told me by letter to sell each new member a membership card for 10¢ and then send all of this membership money to the "Peace Movement of Ethiopia," Chicago, Ill. in care of Madam GORDON. I always did this. I think I got about 300 members now in the State of Mississippi and there are two locals in this state of Mississippi known as local number 10 and local number 11. I am the leader of both locals. We have not been active lately. I have given the list of the members of the "Peace Movement of Ethiopia" that I organized in Mississippi to Mr. John L. Sullivan.

"On November 18, 1942, at Mobile, Alabama, I gave a voluntarily signed statement to JOHN F. BAKER, Special Agent. In this statement I stated that I had the originals of the photostatic copies of letters shown to me that I received from M. M. L. GORDON at my home in Matherville, Miss. The following letters are the originals of the letters in question.

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"On or about January 23, 1941, I received a letter from M. M. L. GORDON, President, dated January 21, 1941, at Chicago, Illinois. This letter reads in part as follows: "My dear Mr. BERNARD: We are acknowledging the receipt of your letter of January 16, 1941. It is gratifying to hear from you again." This letter also states that the black people of the world will be free when the white people finish committing suicide. The war in the Pacific, according to M. M. L. GORDON will mean the complete end of the present order of things. I am giving this letter, which is the original, to Mr. JOHN L. SULLIVAN for whatever purpose is deemed necessary.

"On or about December 15, 1941, I received a letter from M. M. L. GORDON dated December 13, 1941, at Chicago, Illinois. I have the original of this letter in my possession and I am turning this letter over to Mr. JOHN L. SULLIVAN for whatever purpose is deemed necessary. This letter reads in part as follows: "Dear Mr. Bernard: We are acknowledging the receipt of your letter of December 11. The contents of your letter was carefully noted with interest." This letter also contains instructions to me from M. M. L. GORDON to say that I was with the Africans at Home and Abroad.

"On or about March 12, 1942, I received a letter from M. M. L. GORDON dated March 10, 1942, at Chicago, Illinois. I have the original of this letter in my possession and I now give it to Mr. JOHN L. SULLIVAN for whatever purpose is deemed necessary. This letter reads in part as follows: "My dear Mr. Bernard: We are in receipt of your March 2, '42, acknowledging my letter of February 16th also the enclosure of 46 new members." The first half of this letter is torn but I am still able to identify this letter as the one received by me.

"On April 19, 1942, a letter was addressed to me by M. M. L. Gordon at Chicago, Ill. and received by me on or about April 21, 1942. I have the original of this letter on hand and give it to Mr. John L. Sullivan for whatever purpose is deemed necessary. This letter reads in part as follows: "My dear Mr. Bernard: We are acknowledging the receipt of your letter of April 12. We seriously regret that you are having trouble with the oppositionists carrying in false reports to the white people."

"On July 22, 1942, or thereabouts, I received a letter from M. M. L. Gordon at Chicago, Illinois, dated July 20, 1942 and addressed to me. I have the original of this letter on hand and I give this letter to Mr. John L. Sullivan for whatever purpose is deemed necessary. This letter reads in part as follows: "Dear Mr. Bernard. The Peace Movement of Ethiopia is holding a convention here that will close on July 26 and if it is possible for you to attend on that last

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night we will be go grateful to have you."

"On July 31, 1942, I received a letter from M. M. L. GORDON at Chicago, Illinois and addressed to me at Matherville, Miss. This letter was dated July 29, 1942, at 4451 S. State St., Chicago. The original of this letter is in my possession and I now give this letter to Mr. John L. Sullivan for whatever purpose is deemed necessary. This letter reads in part as follows: 'Dear Mr. Bernard: We are acknowledging your letters of the 21 and 26 and the telegram which came in time for the meeting Sunday night.'"

"On August 30, 1942, I received a letter from M. M. L. GORDON dated August 28, 1942, at Chicago, Illinois and adressed to me at Matherville, Mississippi. I have the original of this letter in my possession but I gave this letter to Mr. John L. Sullivan for whatever purpose is deemed necessary. This letter reads in part as follows: 'Dear Mr. Bernard. We have your letter of August 20th. We are glad to report to you that we received a reply etc -' "

"I am also turning over to John L. Sullivan the following letters received from M. M. L. GORDON of Chicago, Illinois. These letters are originals and were adressed to me at my home at Matherville, Miss. I have identified all of these letters by writing my name on the back of each letter.

"Letter dated Jan. 2, 1938, Chicago, Illinois, which reads in part as follows: 'Mr. Thomas Bernard, Matherville, Miss. My dear Sir: We have a letter typed in red ink, dated Dec. 16, 1937, signed in black ink, "Thomas Bernard." ' "

"Letter dated Chicago, Illinois, February 28, 1938, which reads in part as follows: 'Thomas H. Bernard, Matherville, Miss. My dear Mr. Bernard: We have your letter of February 21 and wish to say that our organizer, Mrs. Cecilia J. Allen, leaves on the six o'clock train, Wednesday, March 2, for Long, Miss.' "

"Letter dated Chicago, Illinois, May 18, 1938 which reads in part as follows: 'Mr. Thomas Bernard, Matherville, Miss. My dear Mr. Bernard: Sorry to have delayed so long in writing you and letting you know how glad we are to have Mrs. Celia Allen again in our midst bringing glad tidings of joy from your local #10 etc.' "

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"Letter dated Chicago, Illinois, June 1, 1938, which reads in part as follows: 'My dear Mr. Bernard: We have very happy to receive your letters of May 19 and 25.'

"Letter dated Chicago, Illinois, June 8, 1938, which reads in part as follows: 'Replying to your letter of June 6, you may tell your people to rest easy and be reassured concerning Mrs. Allen.'

"Letter dated Chicago, Illinois, June 22, 1938, which started out as follows: 'My dear Mr. Bernard: We are very glad to have your report of June 20 and highly commend your attitude in placing The Peace Movement of Ethiopia ahead of everything else.'

"Letter dated Chicago, Illinois, July 17, 1938, which starts out as follows: 'My dear Mr. Bernard: Thank you for your letter of the 10th inst. acknowledging receipt of Constitutions and cards.'

"Letter dated 4451 S. State St. Chicago, Illinois, April 27, 1940, which reads in part: 'Dear Mr. Bernard: I am delighted to know that you and your wife returned home safely and found your home affairs improving and also to know that you have gotten on the job to re-habilitate that local.'

"Letter dated 4451 State Street, Chicago, Illinois, Oct 17, 1940, which reads in part as follows: 'It is quite a pleasure to receive a letter from you after such a long delay. We had become seriously concerned as to what had happened to you.'

"Letter dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 29, 1941, which reads in part as follows: 'My dear Mr. Bernard: We are acknowledging the receipt of your letter of April 21, 1941, also the fifty-four (54) new members which are highly appreciated.'

"A torn letter which I received from M. M. L. Gordon on which I placed the date April 8, 1941, in pencil on the top because the top of the letter with the date and heading was torn off. This letter reads in part: 'I am indeed grateful to receive a letter from you. Why do you wait so long to write? We were honored to have Prince Orizer from Nigeria, West Coast, Africa as a guest with us from March 22nd to the 30th.'

"Another letter with the date and heading torn off on which I wrote May 29, 1941, in pencil. This letter signed by M. M. L. Gordon reads in part as follows: 'Your letter of May 22nd

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with enclosed membership of 92 new members has been received.'

"Letter dated Chicago, Illinois, July 22, 1941, which reads in part. 'My dear Mr. Bernard: We thank you for your letter of July 7th and hope by this time that your health has improved.'

"Another torn letter with the date and heading missing on which in pencil I wrote Aug 18-also that I could place this letter as to date correctly among the rest. This letter reads in part as follows: 'My dear Mr. Bernard: I am in receipt of your letter of July 26, 1941, which was highly appreciated.' This letter like the others was signed M. M. L. Gordon.

"Letter from M. M. L. Gordon from Chicago, Illinois dated October 25, 1941 which read in part as follows: 'We are acknowledging the receipt of your letter of October 19.' This letter was addressed to me as Mr. T. H. Bernard, Matherville, Miss.

"Letter from M. M. L. Gordon from Chicago, Illinois dated February 16, 1942 which read in part as follows: 'Dear Pres. Bernard: I received your letter of Jan. 25, and was glad to hear from you and to know that you are getting along fine in your work.'

"Letter from M. M. L. Gordon from Chicago, Illinois dated March 31, 1942, which read in part as follows: 'Dear Mr. Bernard: We are in receipt of your letter of March 23, 1942, and are glad to know you are still on the job.'

"Letter dated 4451 South State St., Chicago, Illinois, May 6, 1943, which read in part: 'My Dear Mr. Bernard: We have yours of April 26th, 1942, and are indeed grateful you won the case against the oppositionists and hope it is permanently out of court.'

"Letter dated 4451 S. State St. June 16, 1942, from M. M. L. Gordon from Chicago, Ill. which reads in part as follows: 'My dear Mr. Bernard: We thank you for your letter of May 17, though I have delayed in writing you due to the fact of the great controversy with the oppositionists here.'

"Letter dated 4451 S. State St. from M. M. Gordon from Chicago, Ill. July 3, 1942, which reads in part as follows: 'My dear Mr. Bernard: We received your letter of June 22, 1942 and were glad to hear from you.'

"Letter from M. M. L. Gordon from Chicago, Ill. dated September 8, 1941 which reads in part as follows: 'Dear Mr. BERNARD: We are acknowledging your letter of August 25, 1941 -'

"Letter dated 4451 South State St., Chicago, Ill. Sept. 16, 1942, which reads in part: 'We are acknowledging the receipt of your letter of Sept. 6 and 14, and thank you for your encouraging remarks and the list of 51 new members.' This letter was addressed to me as Mr. T. H. Bernard, Matherville, Miss.

"I also received a letter written in pen and ink from CELIA JANE ALLEN. This letter was dated Sept. 28-1942 at 442 Bowen Ave., Chicago, Illinois, and read in part as follows: 'Mr. Thomas H. Bernard, Dearest friend how are you and family today. Well I hope - this leaveme very well.' On page 2 of this letter it reads in part as follows: 'Mrs. GORDON could have save herself if she had not talked too much about Japan and Germany.' This letter of 4 pages is signed Celia Jane Allen. I have placed my name on the back of this letter which I give to Mr. John L. Sullivan for whatever purpose is deemed necessary.

"At the end of this statement I say that I have not heard from Madam Gordon for the past 30 days. I am not going to organize any more for this organization until I hear from the leaders of "The Peace Movement of Ethiopia.

"I have read the above statement consisting of 11 pages including this page. I certify this statement to be true and correct. I have signed each page with my correct name of THOMAS H. BONNER. I have been using the name of T. H. BERNARD in 'The Peace Movement of Ethiopia.' I sign all pages of my own free will.

Signed as witnesses:

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice"

/s/ THOMAS H. BONNER

A membership list of Locals 10 and 11 of the Peace Movement to Ethiopia was obtained and is being kept in the Jackson Field Division file entitled "THOMAS H. BONNER, wa Thomas H. Bernard, Internal Security-J, Sedition."

Other correspondence of THOMAS H. BONNER with members of The Peace Movement of Ethiopia were obtained and are being retained in instant file in the Jackson Field Division. A list of the correspondence and material is as follows:

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Letter from M. M. L. GORDON to Mrs. JOELLA JOHNSON
Letter from JANE ALLEN to THOMAS H. BERNARD
Membership list (partial) of Peace Movement to Ethiopia
Authorization to organize from M. M. L. GORDON until 3/19/39
Copy of Constitution and By-laws of Ethiopian Peace Movement
Letter to U. S. Civil Service dated 6/15/24
Two undated letters from MML GORDON to BERNARD
Letters from GORDON TO BERNARD dated 9/16/42, 9/8/41, 7/3/42,
7/16/42, 5/6/42, 3/31/42, 2/16/42, 10/25/41, 8/18/41, 8/29/41,
7/22/41, 4/29/41, 10/17/40, 4/27/40, 4/8/40, 7/17/38, 6/22/38,
6/8/38, 6/1/39, 5/18/38, 2/28/38, 1/27/38
Search permit for premises of THOMAS H. BERNARD

Upon request THOMAS H. BERNARD produced his Selective Service registration card which showed he registered on February 16, 1942, with Local Board No. 1, Wayne County, Mississippi. He was classified as Order No. 10,814 and placed in 3-A on September 1, 1942 by said board.

ENCLOSURES TO CHICAGO - Letter dated August 28, 1942 from GORDON to BERNARD
Letter dated July 29, 1942 from GORDON to BERNARD
Letter dated July 20, 1942 from GORDON to BERNARD
Letter dated April 19, 1942 from GORDON to BERNARD
Letter dated March 10, 1942 from GORDON to BERNARD
Letter dated December 13, 1941 from GORDON to BERNARD
Letter dated January 21, 1941 from GORDON to BERNARD
Signed statement of THOMAS H. BONNER, wa Thomas H. Bernard dated December 13, 1942

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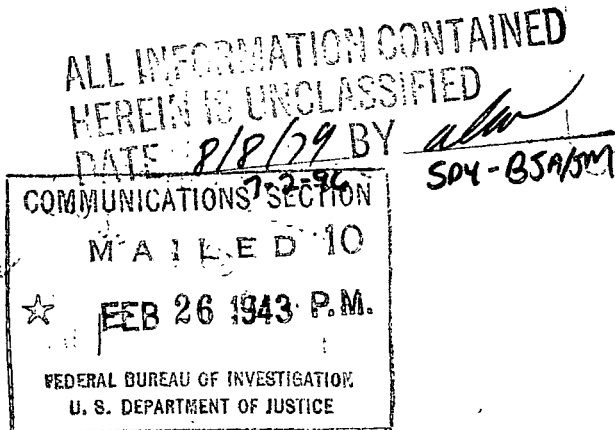
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Subject: PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka
ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT;
LITTLE NAUD LENA GORDON, wa, et al;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION

The report of Special Agent John L. Sullivan, dated February 4, 1943, at Jackson, in the above-captioned case reflects that the membership lists of Locals #10 and #11 of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia are being retained at the Jackson Field Division. It is desired that the Bureau be advised of the number of members in Locals #10 and #11 as well as Local #9 if this information is available.

It is also suggested that the names of the officers of these Locals be reported as well as the dates the units were organized. Investigation should also be conducted to determine if the activities of the group in Mississippi have been such as to warrant prosecution for sedition or for counseling, aiding or abetting violations of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Nichols _____
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Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Mumford _____
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RESUMED YESTERDAY. DEFENSE ATTORNEY CALLING MANY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
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DEFENSE COMPLETED CASE TODAY. GOVERNMENT FOLLOWED WITH REBUTTAL REBU-
TTAL, WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED TO ADMISSIONS MADE BY DEFENDANTS. SIGNED
STATEMENT OF WILLIAM GREEN GORDON INTRODUCED IN EVIDENCE. CLOSING ARGU-
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA
aka Ethiopian Peace Movement;
Mittie Maud Lena Gordon, was, et al
Internal Security - J; Sedition

ASAC Hosteny called from Chicago in connection with the above case and stated that Mittie Maud Lena Gordon, Seon Emanuel Jones, and William Green Gordon were found guilty as charged in the indictment. Mrs. Gordon and Jones were given two years and three years on probation to begin at the end of their prison term. William Green Gordon was given three years on probation, and the other subject, David James Logan was found not guilty. Mr. Hosteny stated that it was not known why Logan received a not guilty verdict.

Mr. Hosteny advised that Judge Holly ~~was~~ somewhat surprised them with regard to the prison terms and before he passed sentence on the subjects, he stated that he would not give a colored person the same sentence he would give a white person inasmuch as he was of the opinion that the colored people had been discriminated against by the white people. I pointed out to Mr. Hosteny that this undoubtedly was the reason for the sentences being so light.

Mr. Hosteny further advised me that Mrs. Gordon, after she had been sentenced, said to the Agent who had handled the case, "You will be dead before I get out of here." This statement was brought to the attention of the United States Attorney, who, in turn, will bring it to the attention of Judge Holly.

I instructed Mr. Hosteny to keep the Bureau advised in this matter.

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Respectfully,

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J. K. Mumford



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RE: PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated February 1, 1943, in instant case, in which it was requested that this Office furnish the names of the members of the above-listed organization who were charged with or sentenced for violation of the Selective Service Act to the Bureau. Following are the names of those individuals who were sentenced for violation of this Act, together with the date and sentence imposed on them:

EDMUND HOLIDAY, Secretary-General of the subject organization, was sentenced on March 5, 1942, for a term of three years. ELIJAH ROSE was sentenced on July 19, 1942, for a term of three years. Please be advised that EDWARD JEFF OTEY, Secretary of Local Branch #6 of the subject organization, Chicago, Illinois, is presently in jail in default of bond and is awaiting trial for failure to return his questionnaire. OTEY has consistently refused to comply with the provisions of the Selective Service Act.

CLEVIS DePUGH, a national organizer of subject organization, was reported delinquent by Local Board #5 for failure to complete his questionnaire. Efforts to locate DePUGH have been unsuccessful, it having been established that he left Chicago following the arrest of Madam M. M. L. GORDON and the other leaders of this organization.

It will be noted that there are many individuals who are members of this organization who became delinquent under the provisions of the Selective Service Act by reason of their failure to execute a questionnaire or report for induction and for other reasons. These individuals were subsequently afforded an opportunity to comply with the provisions of the Act, and subsequently many of them removed these delinquencies. Some complied on apprehension and others complied after indictments were returned against them, resulting in the dismissal of the charges filed.

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RE: PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, et al

The following are members of the Peace Movement to Ethiopia who were reported as delinquent but who have subsequently complied: GRANVILLE KIRKENDALL, JOHNNIE LEE JOHNSON, EDDIE DAVIS, ALEXANDER LYLE, SAMUEL BROWN, LONNIE WARNEGY SIMS, ERNEST CHARLES, SYLVESTER WASHINGTON, WILLIE DIXON, JESSE CARPENTER, WILLIAM MOORE, DAN TILLMAN and WILLIAM JERRY McLENDON. All of these individuals were registered with local boards in Chicago, Illinois. In addition, LEO WEATHERSPOON, a member of the Peace Movement to Ethiopia in Indiana Harbor, Indiana, became delinquent but subsequently complied with the provisions of the Act and was inducted into the armed forces.

Very truly yours,

S. J. Drayton
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DIRECTOR
MICE. PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA ETAL. IS - J, SEDITION XXXX
SEDITION FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE WILLIAM K. HOLLY XXXX HOLLY TODAY
FOUND MRS. MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, LEON EMANUEL JONES AND WILLIAM
GREEN GORDON GUILTY AS CHARGED IN THE INDICTMENT. DAVID JAMES LOFAN
XXX LOGAN FOUND NOT GUILTY. MRS. GORDON AND JONES SENTENCED TO
TWO YEAR S IN JAIL AND THREE YEARS ON PROBATION TO BEGIN AT THE END
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-6668**

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA	DATE WHEN MADE 2-20-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-11, 23-43	REPORT MADE BY RUDOLPH A. ALT
TITLE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA; FLORIDA CHAPTER; WILLIAM ASHLEY FERGERTSON, with aliases, William A. Fergertsen, William A. Ferguson, William A. Fergeson			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

All sources of information in Jacksonville, Fla. were checked to locate one J. W. HINES alleged to be the secretary of subject organization, in Palatka, Fla. Mrs. GILES D. WEBB, Jacksonville, Fla., is unable to furnish any information concerning the whereabouts of her former maid. She left Mrs. WEBB's employment shortly before Christmas, 1942, to visit relatives in Ga. and her present whereabouts are unknown.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM AYERS GODFREY, at Miami, Florida, dated December 3, 1942.

DETAILS:

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The name of J. W. HINES, alleged by WILLIAM A. FERGUSON, leader of subject organization in Palatka, Florida, to be the secretary of subject organization, does not appear in any of the Jacksonville, Florida, directories. His name does not appear in the records of Dun and Bradstreet, or the Retail Merchants Credit Company. Neither does his name appear in any of the Post Office records as a patron. FLOYD BROOKER, Assistant Postmaster, caused a questionnaire to be forwarded to all Postal employees handling mail to determine whether J. W. HINES was receiving mail in Jacksonville, Florida. The results of this activity were negative.

Mrs. GILES D. WEBB was interviewed at her residence, 2790 St. Johns Avenue. Her husband is a clerk in the Railway Mail Service. She stated that she is not acquainted in Palatka, Florida, but has a sister.

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there. She further advised that she does not know Confidential Informant T-2 mentioned in referenced report.

Mrs. WEBB went on to say that for about six years she employed a negress by the name of MILDRED GATES, about 27 years of age, as a cook. She was rather an intelligent person and lived somewhere on Duval Street, in Jacksonville, Florida. The exact address of her residence was unknown, but it was believed to be in a rooming house. Sometime during the year 1942 MILDRED GATES informed Mrs. WEBB that she had attended a church service or that one of her friends had attended a church service in Jacksonville, Florida, and the Negro minister in his sermon had stated "that he had heard it said that the Germans and Japanese were trying to influence Negroes against the Whites." The minister warned and admonished, saying that if any of this propaganda came to their attention it should be ignored; that the Whites are the best friends the Negroes ever had; and they should not be influenced by any of this sort of talk."

Mrs. WEBB advised that she was positive that MILDRED GATES did not belong to subject organization or to any organization subversive or otherwise. She further stated that sometime before Christmas, in 1942, MILDRED GATES came to her saying that she had relatives in Georgia; that they were ill and she had to go to them. MILDRED GATES left that same day and has not been heard from since.

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Mrs. WEBB said that/she was in dire need of the assistance of MILDRED GATES she would not have the least idea of how to go about locating her. She understood that MILDRED GATES lived with a man or had a husband who was a laborer, and it was believed that he had been inducted into the Army. Before she began living with this man or husband she was known as MILDRED LANIER, and it never appeared to Mrs. WEBB that MILDRED had any relatives in Florida.

Mrs. WEBB concluded by saying that when there was so much talk in the South about the Eleanor Clubs she inquired of MILDRED GATES concerning her membership in this club, and MILDRED replied that she belonged to no organizations and that she had never heard of the existence of the Eleanor Clubs among the Jacksonville Negroes.

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THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION:

* At Palatka, Florida, will re-contact PAULINE ~~HANKINS~~ to ascertain if she has located membership cards of subject organization which she stated were formerly in her possession and also to ascertain if she has any additional information concerning subject organization.

* Will re-contact WILLIE ~~KENT~~ to ascertain whether he has obtained any further information concerning subject organization. It will be noted that KENT advised that he would attempt to obtain all possible information concerning subject organization.

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report is Confidential Informant T-2 mentioned in this and referenced
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-5561**

REPORT MADE AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	DATE WHEN MADE 2-20-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-25-43	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES AYCOCK POE CAP:ED
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, was, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. OLIVER ~~DEVINE~~ advised she occasionally signed for registered mail while employed at Japanese Embassy, but had no recollection of signing for any registered article from subject GORDON or subject organization.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from Washington Field to Bureau, Chicago, and Richmond, dated January 23, 1943.

DETAILS:

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Mrs. OLIVER DEVINE, 97 Maple Lane, informed that her maiden name was GENE ELIZABETH RABB and that she was formerly employed by the Japanese Embassy.

She said it was not her regular duty to sign for registered mail, but that she occasionally did so when Mrs. PERRY EARLE WIGHTMAN was at lunch, Mrs. WIGHTMAN being the person who usually took care of such matters.

Mrs. DEVINE stated that it was several years ago that SAITO was the Japanese ambassador,

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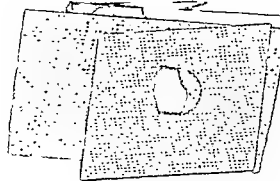
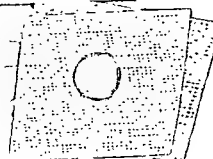
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and accordingly she does not have any recollection of signing for a registered article from either subject GORDON or subject organization. She was not familiar with either. She said it was quite possible that she had signed for this registered article, but she simply had no recollection of doing so.

Mrs. DEVINE could not recall that there was any connection between the Japanese Embassy and any negro organizations. She did remember that on one occasion a negro from New York City had come to the Embassy to talk with some of the officials about a negro movement or organization, the name of which she did not recall.

Mrs. DEVINE said that Mrs. WIGHTMAN, who now resides somewhere in Maryland, had knowledge of this incident, but that she had undoubtedly reported it shortly after the closing of the Japanese Embassy when all American employees of the Embassy were questioned at length by Federal agents.

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DEFENDANTS MADAM GORDON AND SEON EMANUEL JONES THROUGH

ATTORNEY LLOYD T. BAILEY APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE HOLY

TO REQUEST STAY OF EXECUTION PENDING AN APPEAL. MADAM GORDON

POSTED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR STAY OF EXECUTION BOND AND SEON

JONES POSTED TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND AND BOTH RELEASED

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-4154**

REPORT MADE AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-19-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-10-43	REPORT MADE BY MAURICE J. AYLWARD nd
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka Ethiopian Peace Movement; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, wa., et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Unable to locate record of army service of DAVID JAMES LOGAN at Demobilization Records Branch, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, High Point, North Carolina.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Teletype from Washington Field Division to Charlotte Field Division, dated February 8, 1943.</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Teletype from Charlotte Field Division to Chicago Field Division, dated February 10, 1943.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;"><u>AT HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Miss HENRIETTA WHITLOCK, information clerk, Demobilization Records Branch, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, advised that a thorough search of the indices at said Branch failed to reflect a record of army service by subject DAVID JAMES LOGAN. Miss WHITLOCK informed however, as a matter of information, that the 317th Engineers Corps with which subject claims to have served is a colored corps.</p>			
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FILE NO. 100-2338

REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Kentucky	DATE WHEN MADE 3/2/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/23/43	REPORT MADE BY Anthron S. Cannon /eg
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, alias: Madam Gordon; WILLIAM GORDON; DAVID LOGAN, aliases J. B. Logan, D. J. Logan; MOONES.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (J) SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation Princeton, Ky., indicated that only three out of seventeen persons listed as members of instant organization allegedly living in Princeton, Ky., actually live there at present. Informants knew nothing of instant organization or whether it exists at all in Princeton, Ky. Informants advised that VANDER ALVIN SWEATT and wife, both colored, said, "This is not our war anyway, we are just over here staying with you people anyway." Description of V. A. SWEATT and SAM DOOLEY set out.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ROBERT H. KIETT, Indianapolis, Indiana, 12/8/43.

DETAILS: AT PRINCETON, KENTUCKY:

Sheriff MITCHELL CLIFT, Caldwell County, Princeton, Kentucky, advised that he was not aware of the existence of any such organization as the Peace Movement of Ethiopia in Caldwell County. Nor did he know any of the seventeen persons whose names were listed in referenced report as being members of instant organization with residences in Princeton, Kentucky. He recalled, however, that VANDER SWEATT, colored, who had been forced to take treatments for venereal disease, has said in his presence, about November, 1942, "This is a white man's war. This is not a colored man's war."

Confidential informant T-1 gave substantially the same information as given by the Sheriff and added that SWEATT's colored

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wife had told T-1, "This is not our war anyway. We are just over here staying with you people anyway."

HUBERT C. YOUNG, Chief Clerk of Local Draft Board No. 19, Caldwell County, searched his files for the names of the seven male members included in the seventeen carried on the national rolls of instant organization as reflected in referenced report, but failed to find any except that of SAM DOOLEY whose description is set out at the close of this report along with that of SWEATT secured from the same source.

WANDA SMITH, Assistant Clerk of instant local draft board advised that she knew only OFIELIA~~COPELAND~~ from among the ten female members of instant organization. She informed that OFIELIA COPELAND is employed by Mr. F.K. WYLIE, owner of a Drug Store in Princeton.

T-2 advised that ALNONIA~~DOOLEY~~ is the wife of SAM DOOLEY and that they reside with their three children on Route 2, Box 6, Princeton, Kentucky. ALNONIA was described as follows:

Name	ALNONIA DOOLEY
Age	45
Height	5'5"
Weight	165 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Sex	Female
Color	Negro
Daughter	Florence Marie Dooley, was described as follows:

Name	FLORENCE MARIE DOOLEY
Age	26
Height	5'4"
Weight	150 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Sex	Female
Color	Negro
Parents	SAM and ALNONIA DOOLEY

Name	JAMES RICHARD DOOLEY
Age	24
Height	6'
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Black
Hair	Black
Sex	Male
Parents	SAM and ALNONIA DOOLEY

Name	JEAN ALLEN DOOLEY
Age	9 years
Height	3'
Weight	50 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Sex	Female
Parents	SAM and ALNONIA DOOLEY

The following description and information about SAM DOOLEY is taken from the file of instant draft board, and supplemented by T-2

Age 51
 Born 8/26/90, White Sulphur, Caldwell County, Kentucky
 Address Route 2, Box 6, Princeton, Kentucky
 Employer's name: CHARLES RATLIFF JR., Princeton, Kentucky
 Occupation Farmer
 Height 6'2"
 Weight 195 lbs.
 Race Negro
 Eyes Brown
 Hair Black
 Complexion Dark Brown
 Experience on farm - 8 years.
 Dependents: 5
 Marital Status - Married
 Education Second grade elementary school
 Can't sign own name
 United States Citizen
 Employed full time for wages

It is noted that subject's name and other names referred to here are each somewhat different in spelling from the way similar names are spelled in referenced report.

The records of instant local draft board supplied the following description and information about VANDER ALLEN SWEATT:

Age 42
 Born 7/15/1900 at Russellville, Kentucky
 Order Number 10122 Serial number 651
 Address 604 North Plumb Street, Princeton, Kentucky
 Wife's name Bertha Williams (Person who would always know his address)
 Employer's name and address: WPA (WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION) FRANK JONES,
 Supervisor with WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION) stationed at Mayfield, Ky.
 Height 5'4"
 Weight 157 lbs.
 Race Negro
 Eyes Brown
 Hair Black
 Complexion Dark Brown

Scar and Marks-Scar across nose.

Present Employer: TAYLOR LUMBER COMPANY, Princeton, Kentucky

Social Security number 402-14-3461

Education 7 years elementary school

Can read and write.

Occupation: Finisher of Concrete, Construction Contractor with four years experience.

Prefers occupation of table waiting.

Marital Status: Has been divorced but is presently living with a wife.

Reclassified from 1-B to 4-F on November 9, 1942.

July 17, 1942 test showed positive syphilis.

December 10, 1942, Reclassified from 4-F to 4-H.

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THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION
AT PRINCETON, KENTUCKY

Will contact the Chief of Police; JAMES COPELAND, Colored patrolman instant Police Department; and will recontact Sheriff Mitchell Clift; and informant Tel for any information they may have relative to instant organization and persons connected with it.

Will contact CHARLES RATLIFF JR., who employs SAM DOOLEY on his farm for any information he may have relative to DOOLEY's membership in the Ethiopian Peace Movement and his attitude toward the United States.

Will contact F. K. WYLIE, owner of a drug store in Princeton for similar information about OFELIA COPELAND who is employed by him in his home.

Will check the draft status of JAMES RICHARD DOOLEY, son of SAM DOOLEY, with local Draft Board No. 19.

Will make discreet inquiries at the Taylor Lumber Company regarding VANDER ALVIN SWEATT.

AT KUTTAWA, KENTUCKY

Will contact local law enforcement officials and other sources of information making discreet inquiries regarding BUD HOLLAN, SADDIE HOLLAND, MACIE HOLLAND, and ROSIE HOLLAND, who were listed as members of instant organization in referenced report with their addresses at Kuttawa, Kentucky. Will ascertain if instant organization has a branch in Kuttawa and endeavor to learn the names of its members and other relevant information.

AT MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY

Will interview FRANK JONES, Supervisor Work Projects Administration, who formerly supervised VANDER ALVIN SWEATT on similar lines as suggested above.

LIST OF TEMPORARY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1:

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T-2:

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

March 9, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: ¹ PEACE MOVEMENT, ETHIOPIA
FLORIDA CHAPTER;
WILLIAM ASHLEY FERGERSON with
aliases, William A. Fergerson,
William A. Fergusson, William A.
² Fergeson
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
WILLIAM A. GODFREY at Miami, Florida dated December 3, 1942
and report of Special Agent RUDOLPH A. ALT at Miami, Florida
dated February 20, 1943 concerning the above named organization.

It is requested that the Bureau advise as to
the Department's desire relative to the prosecution of the
subject organization in the Federal District for the Southern
District of Florida.

Very truly yours,

A. P. Kitchen

A. P. KITCHIN
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WENDELL BERGE
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA;
FLORIDA CHAPTER;
WILLIAM ASHLEY FERGERSON, was
William A. Fergersen, William A.
Ferguson, William A. Fergeson;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION

Please refer to the report of Special Agent William A. Godfrey dated December 3, 1942, at Miami, Florida, which was forwarded to the Division of Records on December 26, 1942, and to the report of Special Agent Rudolph A. Alt dated February 20, 1943, also at Miami, and forwarded to the Division of Records on March 9, 1943.

It is requested that you advise as to your desires relative to the prosecution of the captioned organization and its leaders in Florida.

Very truly yours,

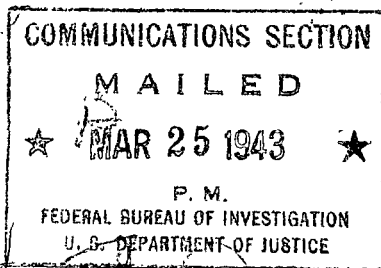
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

ATL FILE NO. **100-2688 SL**

REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA	DATE WHEN MADE 3/10/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/9, 20/43	REPORT MADE BY STANLEY L. VAN RENSSELAER
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT; MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, alias Madam Gordon; WILLIAM GORDON; DAVID LOGAN, was; J. B. Logan, D. J. Logan; Jones			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (J); SEDITION
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No evidence of any activity of subject organization at Columbus, Ga. and only persons located at Columbus are <u>VIOLA JONES</u> and <u>LAWSON JONES</u>. <u>ELVIN GAUSTON</u>, U. S. Army, presently in foreign service. No record of <u>JULIUS HILL</u>, U. S. Army, located.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent EARL HIRSH, Atlanta, 1/31/43.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT COLUMBUS, GEORGIA</u></p> <p>H. M. ADAIR, NPA, Chief of Detectives, was contacted relative to the instant case and advised that he had never heard of the instant organization under either of its names being active in Columbus and in fact, was not familiar with instant organization. He also advised that he had never heard the names of any of the subjects mentioned. In this regard, he stated that there were several prominent negroes in Columbus which he felt the writer could contact and learn of any possible activity.</p> <p>Accordingly, F. R. LAMPKIN, Principal of the Spencer Taylor High School, was contacted and stated that he had never heard of instant organization being active in Columbus, Georgia. He advised that this organization did not receive the support from any of the negro leaders in this community and that it had never been brought to his attention by any individuals of having received any communications from the organization. He stated that he is active in colored civic affairs and a member of the colored Elks Colored Masons and the International Benevolence Society and felt certain that in the event there had been any</p>			
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amount of activity in contacting colored persons in this community, he most certainly would have heard of it. He was advised that it was of interest to learn of any person who might be connected with or promoting this organization or receiving mail. He stated that in the event he was able to learn of any person who might have been in communication with the organization or any information whatever he would immediately communicate with the writer. In this regard, it can be noted that LAMPKIN has been contacted by this writer and so far as is known, has given reliable information.

Dr. H. R. COBB, 1021 $\frac{1}{2}$ First Avenue, was contacted and could furnish no information regarding any activities of instant organization. He likewise agreed to cooperate in furnishing any information that might come to his attention. Dr. COBB has been contacted heretofore by this Agent and has given reliable information.

A search of the City Directories back to 1938 failed to reflect any person by the name of ~~ROSIELEE~~ SAMIEL or JAMES SAMIEL. The police records were likewise checked, with negative results.

Inquiry at 622 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7th Avenue, the alleged address of SAMIEL, failed to reveal any information of any persons of this name ever having lived there. The City Directories back to 1938 were likewise examined for the purpose of ascertaining ~~JOHNNIE~~ and JAMES HINTON, inasmuch as inquiry at 830 - 9th Avenue failed to identify any such persons as ever having lived there. The City Directory indicated that JAMES HINTON resides at 1421 - 43d Street and inquiry there revealed that CORINE HINTON presently resides there and that her husband, JAMES HINTON, has been deceased for the past eight years. She likewise was unaware of any literature from instant organization and professed ignorance. She was unable to furnish any information concerning any persons by the name of JOHNNIE and JAMES HINTON. The City Directory further reflected that JOHNNIE HINTON resided in the rear of 1426 - 25th Street and he was contacted and professed ignorance of instant organization. In this connection, this person is an ignorant negro and it is believed that he is unaware of this organization.

Inquiry at 817 - 7th Avenue failed to identify VIOLA and SAMPSON JONES, however, MARTHA WILLIAMS, who resides at 839 - 9th Avenue, two doors removed from 817 - 7th Avenue, which is a negro church, stated that two or three years ago there was a person by the name of VIOLA JONES, whom she believed to reside on Hunter Street.

VIOLA JONES, wife of LAWSON JONES, was located at 1411 Hunter Street and stated that she had never received any mail from instant organization, nor had she ever been a member and that if any mail had come for VIOLA JONES at 817 - 7th

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Avenue, it must have been someone else using her name, although she admitted that she had resided there until the early part of 1942 for a period of about 16 months. The organization and the individuals carried as subjects were made known to VIOLA JONES and she denied ever having heard of any of them. Her husband, LAWSON JONES, was interviewed likewise and denied any information.

VIOLA JONES advised that her mother, IETHA HURT, resides at 1817 Pulaski, but that she has not seen her mother in 15 years, nor heard from her in 5 or 6 years. She stated that she has a brother, ROOSEVELT HURT, and the following sisters:

RUTH, IDELLA, MATTIE, JIMMIE, MINNIE and RUBY LEE, all of whom reside in Chicago, the addresses, however, being unknown to her inasmuch as she does not communicate with them.

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Master Sergeant W. R. FOWLER, in charge of Locator's Files, after searching his records, advised that there was a record of Private ELVIN GAUSTON, Company F, 24th Infantry, but that that organization is presently in foreign service and believed to be in Australia. No record was located for JULIUS HILL.

Private LEO FISHER, Clerk, in charge of records at the Chemical Warfare Division, was contacted and advised that there were no colored soldiers attached to that unit.

Since there are no further leads to be covered by the Atlanta Field Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka
ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT;
MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, was, et al;
INTERNAL SECURITY - J
SEDITION

You will recall that Madam Mittie Maud Lena Gordon, Seon Emanuel Jones and William Green Gordon were found guilty in the Federal District Court at Chicago on February 15, 1943, as charged in the indictment returned against them on December 4, 1942. Madam Gordon and Jones were sentenced to two years imprisonment and three years probation, such probation period to commence at the end of their prison terms. William Green Gordon was placed on probation for three years. David James Logan was found not guilty although he had been indicted jointly with the others for conspiracy to commit sedition.

Attorney Lloyd T. Bailey appeared before Federal Judge William K. Holly on February 16, 1943, to request a stay of execution pending an appeal. Madam Gordon posted a bond in the sum of \$5,000 and Seon Jones posted a \$2,500 bond. Both were released for forty days during which time a bill of exceptions will be filed.

Respectfully,

F. L. Welch

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This Case Originated At: CHICAGO

FILE NO. 100-3709

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TITLE:

THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA, aka
ETHIOPIAN PEACE MOVEMENT:
MADAM NITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, was., et al

CHARACTER OF CASE:

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Synopsis of Facts:

MIMO DE GUZMAN interviewed and advised that the Peace Movement of Ethiopia and the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World, Inc., are, in fact, one and the same organization. These organizations were started by Madam GORDON in 1932. She requested aid of DE GUZMAN in organization. These organizations were an outgrowth of the U. N. I. A. Main organizer at Detroit was a Japanese by the name of TAKAHASHI. This organization, under Brother NELSON, became the Moorish Science Temple of Detroit. DAVID ERWIN of East St. Louis helped DE GUZMAN and Madam GORDON organize at St. Louis. Later, ERWIN started working for the Triumph Church of God, from Detroit, Michigan. ASKEW THOMAS, ROBERT JORDAN and DE GUZMAN organized in Newark and Jersey City, N. J. All meetings of this organization were secret; no white people permitted, only outsiders being Japanese speakers who were present at practically every meeting. Madam GORDON instructed members not to fight for United States. "If any members disobey my commands and go into the Army, they will be put out of the organization." TAKAHASHI stated he was sent here by the Blood Dragon Society to organize the Negro people. Madam TAKAHASHI said she and her husband had gone to Canada and received money from

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Synopsis (continued)

OKADA, a Japanese, to finance the Detroit unit. Teaching of organization, that Japanese and Negroes are brothers and the Japanese are the only people who will help the Negroes. DE GUZMAN advised there were other individuals higher than Madam GORDON. The only names he could recall were Mrs. HENRIETTA DAVIS, place unknown, a Mr. SHEARLY, of Philadelphia, and a Mr. JAMES of Gary, Indiana.

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Reference:

Report of SA JAMES C. PORTER, entitled "Peace Movement of Ethiopia, dated 1/21/43, at St. Paul, and report of JAMES C. PORTER, entitled "Pacific Movement of the Eastern World, Inc., et al," dated 1/22/43, at St. Paul.

Details:

At Sandstone, Minnesota:

MIMO DE GUZMAN was interviewed at the Federal Correctional Institution at Sandstone, Minnesota, where he is serving a three year sentence for mail fraud. He advised that he met Madam GORDON first in Chicago in 1932. At that time, DE GUZMAN was lecturing for the U.N.I.A. (United Negro Improvement Association) and Madam GORDON was connected with this association. She talked to DE GUZMAN and convinced him to withdraw from the U.N.I.A., and aid her in forming a new organization, the Peace Movement of Ethiopia. The purpose, as she explained at this time, was to secure an organization which would obtain the independence of the Negro people so that they could return and form an independent government in Africa.

She advised that DE GUZMAN was to introduce himself as Dr. TAKIS, a Japanese, and that he was employed by the Japanese Government and paid by the Japanese Consulate when, in fact, he was paid by Madam GORDON. The purpose of this was to show the colored people that the Japanese Government was interested in the problems of the colored people and would aid them in establishing a homeland in Africa.

DE GUZMAN advised that prior to the time Madam GORDON organized the movement, that she had made a trip to Africa, and on her return home, had stopped at Jamaica in the West Indies and there she had contacted some Japanese individuals who had promised her aid from the Japanese Government in carrying out the plans of the organization.

Madam GORDON had introduced a Japanese by the name of TAKAHASHI to DE GUZMAN while DE GUZMAN was still working for the U.N.I.A. in Chicago. DE GUZMAN at this time was lecturing for the U.N.I.A. with a Chinese individual,

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by the name of ~~MY~~ LIANG. TAKAHASHI had approached these two and offered them both a one hundred dollar bill if they would make pro-Japanese statements in their lectures to the Negro people. TAKAHASHI is a Japanese from California, a man about 38 years of age. He stated that this was at the time that there was so much incentive against the Japanese in this country, due to their conflict with the Chinese. He stated that after the meeting that night, the two of them had met TAKAHASHI in a cafe in Chicago, at which time TAKAHASHI gave them each a hundred dollar bill for their trouble.

After DE GUZMAN and Madam GORDON travelled throughout the country organizing this Negro group, they were always aided by different Japanese men who would be speakers at the meetings and would bring out the fact that the Japanese and Negroes were brothers, and that they should not ever aid the United States in war against Japan; that if the Negroes would help the Japanese now, the Japanese Government would later aid them in the formation of their Government in Africa, and supply them with financial aid, ships and transportation, and help in the development of the country.

The theme that was carried through the meetings was that the Japanese and Negroes both originated in Arabia, the Negroes being sold into slavery and the Japanese going to Japan; thus, the Japanese and the Negroes were brothers, and that there was no cause for differences between the two people; the Japanese were the best friends of the colored people. Madam GORDON would instruct the members that they had no quarrel with the Japanese; the Japanese were their friends; that none of her members should go into the Army, and at one meeting she made a statement that if "any member disobeys my commands and goes into the Army, he will be put out of the organization.

DE GUZMAN went on to state that they travelled throughout the country organizing this group. Some places they organized it and called at the Peace Movement of Ethiopia, and other times they would call it the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World, Inc. The only reason that the name was changed was due to the fact that members sometimes liked the title of Peace Movement of Ethiopia and sometimes preferred the name of Pacific Movement of the Eastern World, but, in fact, they were the same organization and were both organized by Madam GORDON and DE GUZMAN.

In Chicago, Madam GORDON was aided by her ^{AL KIMARS} husband, WILLIAM GREEN GORDON, who was Treasurer of the organization, a Reverend SOLSBURY, DAVID JAMES LOGAN, who was the Chaplain of the organization, SEON EMANUEL JONES, J. E. HART, H. HUNT and a Mr. THOMPSON. All of these individuals took an active part in the organization and preached the same things to the members as did Madam GORDON, regarding the Japanese Government and the Negro people. DAVID JAMES LOGAN would open the meetings by reading from the ritual book, and would lead the ritual procession around the room.

LOGAN was one of the men active in discussions regarding members going into the United States Army, appeared to be very bitter towards the United States

and praising Japan, and that he would be the friend of the colored people of the world.

Reverend SOLSBURY would instruct the members to organize and join with Japan against the United States, as the U. S. was discriminating against the colored people in this country; that they had nothing to gain by going into the Army for the United States, that the U. S. did not give the Negro anything but that Japan was real friend and would help them.

JONES was President of Local No. 1 in Chicago and took an active part in the organization and discussions at the meetings, instructing the colored people to aid Japan and to help make plans to return to Africa where the Japanese Government would help them.

Mr. HART was Vice-President of the Local in Indiana Harbor, Indiana, and took an active part in the organization of the group and in discussions at the meetings.

Mr. HUNT was President of Local No. 2 in Chicago, which Local was later combined with Local No. 1.

Mr. THOMPSON was President of Local No. 6 in Chicago.

All the meetings were secret and no white people were allowed to attend. The only outsiders would be Japanese speakers, including Japanese business men in Chicago and elsewhere, men connected with the Japanese Embassy, Japanese doctors stationed in this country, and Japanese students at the Universities in this country. There were almost always Japanese speakers at the meetings. These Japanese speakers would tell the colored people that their Government would help in establishing a free Government in Africa if the colored people would help Japan in her struggle against the whites; that the Japanese and Negroes were brothers, and that the brown race would some day control the world with the Japanese as their leaders.

TAKAHASHI had helped with the organization in Chicago and had then gone to Detroit, Michigan, to aid in the organization there. In Detroit he met and married a colored woman, who is now Madam TAKAHASHI. Madam TAKAHASHI then became a big worker in the organization in Detroit and she did lots of promotional work in favor of the Japanese Government. The Detroit unit was financed by TAKAHASHI, who in turn received his money from a Japanese by the name of NATAHABE. Another Japanese by the name of YAMOSHITA was also connected with the organization and helped to finance it. The TAKAHASHI who organized in Detroit, Michigan, is a Japanese about 65 years of age.

A Negro by the name of NELSON, known as Brother NELSON, was directly under TAKAHASHI in the movement in Detroit, Michigan. After TAKAHASHI left

Detroit, Brother NELSON took the organization over, and formed the Moorish Science Temple in Detroit. This organization is the same as the Peace Movement of Ethiopia. This was in 1934 or 1935. At the time of the organization of the Moorish Science Temple, the old P. M. of E. W. was more or less broken up and went out of existence, except for a small group which is still reported to be holding meetings in homes in Detroit. Madam TAKAHASHI remained in the Peace Movement of the Eastern World.

TAKAHASHI made the statement to DE GUZMAN that he had been sent here by the Blood Dragon Society to organize the colored people in the United States. DE GUZMAN advised that there was another Japanese, who was a doctor at the Grace Harper Hospital in Detroit, who also had been active in the organization.

MADAM TAKAHASHI had told DE GUZMAN that she and her husband had gone to Canada and while there, had received money from a Japanese by the name of OKADA, to aid in the financing of a Detroit unit. Upon their return from Canada, each member of the Detroit unit was given a picture of OKADA. DE GUZMAN advised that he had never seen OKADA.

DE GUZMAN advised that at one of the meetings in Detroit, he had heard Brother NELSON talk and claim that the Negroes and the Japanese both came from Arabia, and for this reason, they were brothers and should get together and work as one. He stated he had also heard Madam GORDON say "the Negroes should not fight the Japanese as they are brothers."

DE GUZMAN stated that at St. Louis, Madam GORDON and he had organized the group with the help of DAVID ERWIN and General BUTLER. He stated that DAVID ERWIN was the head of the P. M. of E. W. in East St. Louis. DE GUZMAN stated that he came back to St. Louis in 1939, at which time he had run into ERWIN and that ERWIN had requested that he come out and help in a new organization. DE GUZMAN stated that he told ERWIN that he couldn't help him, as he had been exposed in 1935 as being a Philippino and not a Japanese, and had been put out of the organization. ERWIN convinced him to come along and help anyway, and they had gone together to Colorado, where ERWIN preached. At this time, ERWIN claimed to be connected with the Triumph Church of God from Detroit, Mich. and at the meetings, he preached that people who would join the organization would not have to go to war and fight the Japs. ERWIN would make each member an ordained minister, so that they would be exempt from Army service. He also aided them in securing the special rates or passes for clergymen in travelling.

DE GUZMAN advised that the first time he had worked with ERWIN was in 1932 in the organization of the P. M. of E. W., and had later worked a short time with him in 1939. This was prior to the registration for the Selective Service Act.

DE GUZMAN advised that there are still a few members of the P. M. of E.W. in St. Louis, and that these members are holding meetings from house to house. These are secret meetings and notice of meeting is passed by word of mouth.

DE GUZMAN advised that he had been in New Jersey in 1934, organizing for the P. M. of E. W. In this organization, he was aided by ROBERT JORDAN and ASKEW THOMAS. The only organizations which they succeeded in forming in New Jersey was the one in Newark and another small one in Jersey City. He advised that one of these organizations is alive in New Jersey at the present time. He stated that while the three of them were in New Jersey, they had succeeded in keeping the groups alive, but after he left in 1935, the organizations continued to operate for a very short while, and then went out of existence.

ROBERT JORDAN had gone to New York City, where he organized a number of units. THOMAS and DE GUZMAN had helped organize in Buffalo, New York; had organized one or two small units there. These units are still in operation. He stated that the group in Jersey City consisted of about 30 or 40 members while the one in Newark was about 80 or 100 members. In Newark, the meetings were held at 123 Prince Street and none of those meetings were held at the homes of the members.

DE GUZMAN advised that during his organizations in New Jersey, he had gone by the name of Dr. TAKIS. He advised that the formal head of the organization in New Jersey was THOMAS, and that he was still holding meetings in Newark in July of 1942, but not under the name of the P. M. of E. W. He was supposed to be teaching a class in Hebrew, THOMAS being a member of the Hebrew religion. He advised that THOMAS was more organizing along religious lines, and as far as he knew, he never talked in favor of the Japanese. He was radical on the economic situation of the Negroes, and did not appear to like the Japanese any better than any other people. He advised that THOMAS was always claiming that if the colored people wanted anything, they had to get out and work for it for themselves, and not depend upon Japan. As long as DE GUZMAN knew THOMAS, he never heard THOMAS talk about the war or Army, and he does not know of THOMAS spreading any Japanese propaganda.

In regard to the organization as a whole, DE GUZMAN advised that Madam GORDON had claimed that they had a total of over a million members in these organizations; that the organization did not have any one specific form of religion, and that the religion of the group depended on that specific Local itself. The headquarters of the organization were at Madam GORDON's store in Chicago, Illinois. Meetings were held there and were also held in homes in Chicago. In Chicago, the organization was collecting money to prepare the people to return to Africa as a homeland.

DE GUZMAN advised that he had worked with Madam GORDON for a period of one year, until some time in 1933, and he had not seen her again until 1939, when she was working for a Japanese by the name of NASHO. DE GUZMAN advised that the P. M. of E. W., the E. P. M., and the M. S. T., are all organizations which Madam GORDON has helped organize. In all these organizations, the Japanese have aided in financing. He advised that the M. S. T. was first organized in 1933, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the head of this organization

had been the head of the U. N. I. A., and that he had also been connected with the P. M. of E. W. DE GUZMAN advised that although Madam GORDON was the apparent organizer and head of these movements, there were other individuals who were over her. DE GUZMAN advised that he did not know the names of these people, but that Mrs. HENRIETTA DAVIS, address unknown, Mr. SHEARLY of Philadelphia, and Mr. JAMES of Gary, Indiana, were all over her. He advised that Mrs. GORDON could furnish complete information regarding the organizations, if she was so minded.

DE GUZMAN advised that in Washington, D. C., some of the Japanese individuals were meeting with the colored people at a place on 9th Street, near Rhode Island Avenue. He advised that these Japanese lived in Washington, apparently they were working there. He advised that he does not know of any Japanese agents being employed by the U. S. Government in Washington, D. C.

DE GUZMAN advised that the Moorish Science Temple is active at the present time in the following cities:

- Philadelphia
- Newark
- Clinton, N. J.
- Baltimore
- Pittsburgh
- Cleveland
- Cincinnati
- Toledo
- Detroit
- Washington, D. C.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS** NY FILE NO. **100-35412 MJG**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/15/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/28, 30; 2/1, 2, 3/43	REPORT MADE BY KENNETH R. ROUTON
TITLE THE PEACE MOVEMENT TO ETHIOPIA, aka, Ethiopia Peace Movement; ETAL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J; SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Madam DEMENA, former National Organizer for UNIA, now believed to be out of the United States. Information does not reflect she was engaged in subversive activities. Correct name and additional information concerning Madam DEMENA set out.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Hubert F. Small dated December 8, 1942 at St. Louis, Missouri.

DETAILS:

A check of the indices of the New York office fails to reflect any information relative to Madam DEMENA other than that furnished by MIMO de GUZMAN in his interview with agents of this office which is substantially the same as that set out in reference report.

At the time de GUZMAN was interviewed in New York on July 30, 1942 he was questioned particularly as to any subversive activities on the part of DEMENA and he could furnish none. However, she had requested him in his work for the Universal Negro Improvement Association, UNIA, to use the name TAKIS, a Japanese name, in order to add prestige and to attract the negroes' attention. MIMO de GUZMAN recalled DEMENA's name to be ELSIE DEMENA and he thought her to be a Puerto Rican.

On February 3, 1943 Special Agent M.E. Torrens and the writer while conducting an investigation in Harlem, the colored area of New York

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City, reviewed a number of issues of the "Negro World", the official organ of the UNIA published in 1932. These were the only copies of this publication available in the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature, New York Public Library, 104 West 136 Street, New York City. The February 6, 1932 issue of this publication reports one Madam M.L.T. DeMENA is organizing a group of the UNIA in Dayton, Ohio. It was noted that the editorial of this particular issue criticizes the Japanese action in fighting the Chinese.

The issue dated May 14, 1932 reports Madam DeMENA in Santo Domingo in April of 1932, having made the trip on the SS Cuame.

There was one issue of the "Negro World" available published May 20, 1933 which issue reported Madam DeMENA made a speech in New York City on May 6, 1933. This would indicate that DeMENA had returned to the United States.

It is pointed out that the issues of the Negro World which were reviewed reflected the editorial policy criticized the Japanese as imperialists and further criticism was made of the Communist Party of America.

Captain A.L. KING, President of the Central Division of the UNIA, New York City, FRANCIS KING HARMAN, GERALD COX and ETHEL COLLINS, all former officials of the UNIA were unable to furnish the true identity of Madam DeMENA or her present whereabouts. However, all of the persons questioned were of the opinion that Madam DeMENA is now out of the country. Captain KING was of the opinion that Madam DeMENA was from the British West Indies and that she had returned to the islands five or six years ago.

The records at the Immigration and Naturalization Office, 641 Washington Street, New York City, did not reflect that a Madam DeMENA ever made an application for first papers or was naturalized.

A recheck of the records at Ellis Island reflected the following information concerning Madam DeMENA. Her departure as above set out in April of 1932 was verified. She sailed from New York aboard the SS Coamo for Santo Domingo by way of San Juan. Her full name was given as MAYMIE L.T. DeMENA; age 39; female; citizen of Nicaragua. At the time of her departure she stated she arrived in the United States in April, 1931 at New York; she gave her race as that of negro; and stated that she was a widow; and that her occupation was that of clerk.

The records further reflected that she entered New York on June 29, 1925 aboard the SS Ceiba under the name of MAYMIE L. TURPEAU DeMENA, at which time she gave as her occupation that of interpreter, stating that she was able to read and write English and Spanish. She claimed to be a subject of Great Britain and gave her race as that of Spanish American. Her last permanent

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residence was given as that of Chicago. At this time she further stated that she was in the United States before in 1913, 1914, 1917 and 1925 at which time she resided in Indianapolis and Chicago. Her destination at this time was given as 2829 Celumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The records further reflected that she entered the United States in May, 1931 and October, 1929 and that she departed April 15, 1932. Her last arrival was noted to be July 6, 1932 at which time she arrived in New York City aboard the SS Sixlola from Puerto Colombia. At this time she gave her age as 39, stating that she was born in San Carlos, Nicaragua. She further stated that she had a daughter BELL ~~DEMENA~~ at 312 West 125 Street, New York City and on this instant she stated she intended to reside in the United States permanently.

An attempt was made to locate BELL DemENA through sources of information, informants and inquiry at 312 West 125 Street, in order that she might be questioned as to the whereabouts of her mother, without success.

A review of the files in this case reflects no further leads outstanding for this office and this report is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will make appropriate inquiries to determine if Madam DEMENA resides at 2829 Celumet Avenue, and will conduct an appropriate investigation to determine her present activities and whether or not she is now active in any subversive groups in that area.

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REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/13/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/17/43	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM AYRES GODFREY als
TITLE PEACE MOVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA; FLORIDA CHAPTER; WILLIAM ASHLEY FERGERSON, WAS., William A. Fergersen, William A. Ferguson, William A. Fergeson			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J; SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PAULINE HANKINS and WILLIAM KENT, Palatka, Fla., unable to furnish further information. Subject presently does not appear to be engaged in any activities connected with Subject organization.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent William Ayres Godfrey, Miami, Fla., dated December 3, 1942;
Report of Special Agent Rudolph A. Alt, dated Miami, Fla., February 20, 1943.

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Details: AT PALATKA, FLORIDA

On February 17, 1943, the writer interviewed the Subject at which time it was ascertained that Subject is presently employed in a lumber plant at Palatka and has received no communications from or communicated with Subject organizational headquarters in Chicago, Ill.

Sheriff B. C. HAYES, Palatka, Fla., was interviewed by the writer on February 15, 1943, at which time he stated he had received no further information concerning any of the activities of the Subject and to his knowledge Subject was not active in promoting the affairs of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia in the Palatka area at the present time.

PAULINE HANKINS and WILLIAM KENT, Palatka, Fla., were unable to furnish any further information to the writer on February 15, 1943. PAULINE HANKINS

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could not locate the membership cards of subject organization which she formerly advised she had in her possession.

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Director - FBI

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau there is attached hereto a copy of a letter from Hon. J. Albert Woll, United States Attorney at Chicago, dated February 17, 1943, which contains commendatory statements concerning the investigative work performed by Special Agent Richard W. Axtell in the case entitled "MITTIE MAUD LENA GORDON, et al, SEDITION".

Very truly yours,

S. J. DRAYTON,
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S. J. Drayton, Esq.,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: United States vs. Mittie Maud Lena Gordon,
et al., D. C. Nos. 33709 and 33710.

Dear Mr. Drayton:

As you know, Judge William H. Holly, on Monday, February 15, 1943, found the defendants, Mittie Maud Lena Gordon, Seon ~~Manuel~~ Jones, and William Green Gordon, guilty of sedition, and David James Logan, the remaining defendant, not guilty.

I want to take this opportunity of complimenting your office, and especially Special Agent Richard W. Axtell, for the very thorough and excellent way in which this case was investigated.

Very truly yours,

J. ALBERT WOLL,
United States Attorney

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